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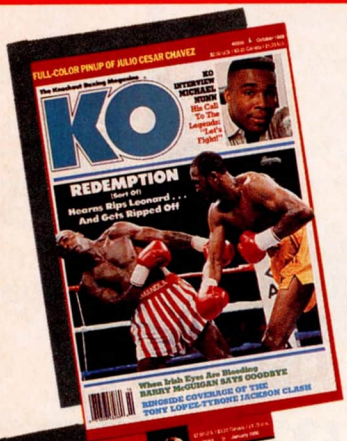

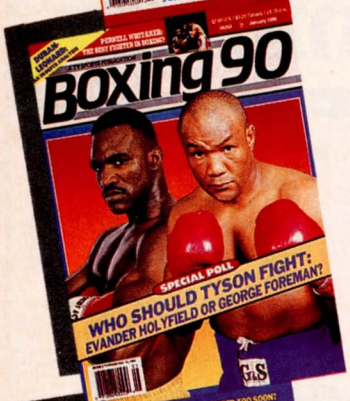

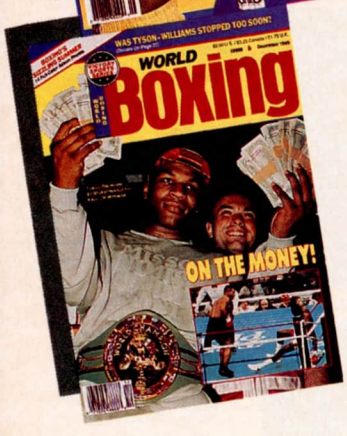

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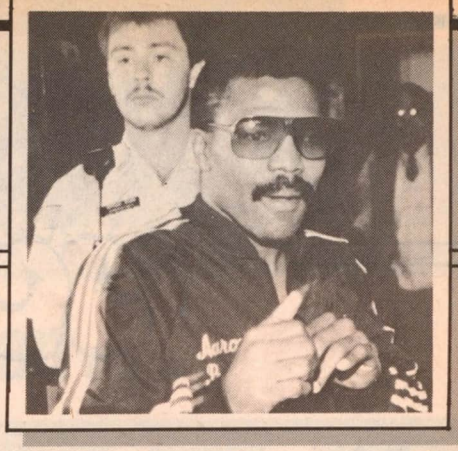

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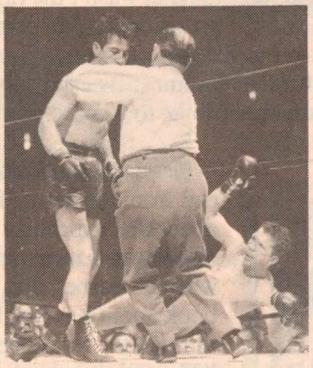

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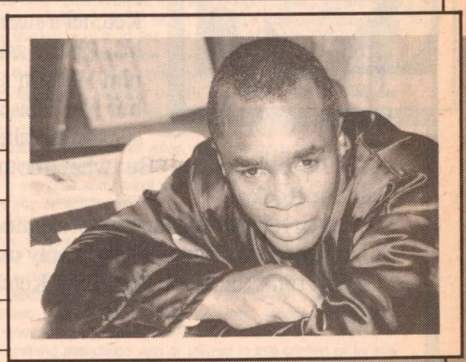

RINGSIDE

The painting of Rocky Graziano on this month's cover first appeared on the cover of the September 1949 issue. Rocky had lost the middleweight title to Tony Zale the year before and was determined to again mount the throne. He was equally determined to own the original painting, one of 57 covers drawn for *The Ring* by current Publisher Stanley Weston.

November 1947

"I want to give it to my wife for Christmas," Graziano told Publisher Nat Fleischer. "I'll give you $300 for it." Fleischer explained that he couldn't break up *The Ring's* collection of original cover paintings because they were to become an important part of *The Ring's* planned Hall of Fame in Madison Square Garden. "I'll give you $500," Graziano growled angrily.

Rocky's wife had to settle for a long mink coat for Christmas, which was probably for the best. Had *The Ring* lost control of the painting, it could not have reproduced it 41 years later as a memorial to the great champion. We are certain Rocky would have happily approved.

That wasn't the first time Graziano had his heart set on owning an original cover painting of *The Ring*. After he knocked out Zale to win the middleweight title in 1947, Weston's cover painting for the November issue portrayed Rocky and the great Stanley Ketchel in a composite tribute to a pair of dynamic middleweight champions; the old and the new.

September 1949

Graziano had been fascinated by the Ketchel Legend from the day he first heard old-timers reminiscing about the "Michigan Assassin" at Stillman's Gym. Reading was never one of Rocky's strong suits, but when he learned that Nat Fleischer had written a book about Ketchel, he bought a copy and labored through the text as best he could. His only complaint: "There ain't enough pitchers in the book."

The new champion was deeply touched being compared to Ketchel on a cover of *The Ring,* even though Ketchel's stern face was drawn four times the size of his. Rocky asked his manager, Irving Cohen, to get him Weston's original painting. Cohen tried his best, but Nat Fleischer held firm. Fleischer, however, did suggest an alternative. "I can't let him have that original," he told Cohen. "But what about asking Stan Weston to paint a duplicate for Rocky?"

Cohen relayed the idea to Graziano, who, after thinking it over, said "Nah, it ain't the same thing. There's only one of a kind."

How right the Rock was. Like Ketchel, Rocky Graziano was a true original.

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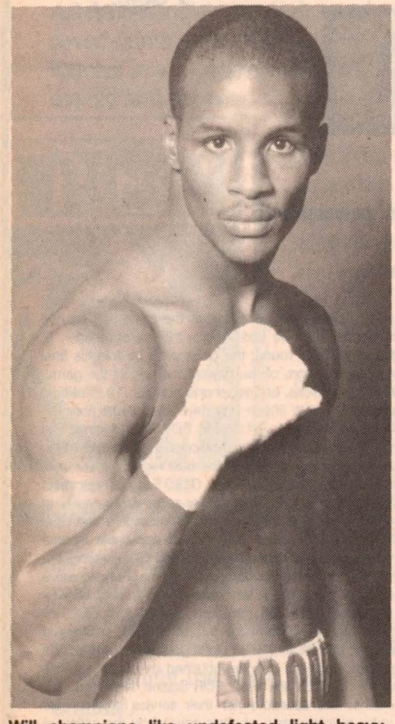
ABOUT THE WBO

Over the last few days I have read with amusement numerous press releases regarding purse bids for the Douglas-Holyfield fight. It would seem that any astute boxing person could read between the lines of this fiasco and come to the conclusion that the WBA and WBC are working hand in hand in this matter. So what's my point? Without the IBF and the WBO, the aforementioned WBC and WBA might attempt to put a stranglehold on boxing unlike anything seen since the days of mob control.



Will champions like undefeated light heavyweight Michael Moorer secure the fledgling WBO the respect of the boxing community?

We, the so-called other "alphabet organizations," are organizations that can keep those two from strangling and stopping competition. In the absence of the WBO and IBF, you guys would have a hell of a lot less to write about. But, if [boxing] were controlled by the aforementioned two organizations, what you would have to write about might be the demise of boxing.

Most would agree that competition is good, especially among competitors! We certainly must compete to gain the confidence and recognition of the boxing community throughout the world. I do not see this as harmful in any way. If we are a good organization, we will survive, and likewise, if some of the other organizations continue on their paths of self-destruction, they will not. At the least, four organizations provide a mechanism by which young boxers can fight their way to the top and make a decent purse. The world is a big place and can adequately support this system and keep interest at a high peak.

As I mentioned in an earlier correspondence addressed to you, you certainly have the right to withhold your recognition of the WBO, but it's still upsetting to see that you print the results of WBO title fights and do not accurately reflect that they are WBO title fights. That, to me, is censorship, and not a factual report.

The WBO is proud of its champions. We don't make the claim that they are the champions of the world. They are the WBO champions of the world. We would love to fight the other guys and challenge the other organizations. Let's have the unification fights that the public wants to see. Eighteen of our champions are included in the Budweiser top 20. Not bad for a new kid on the block.

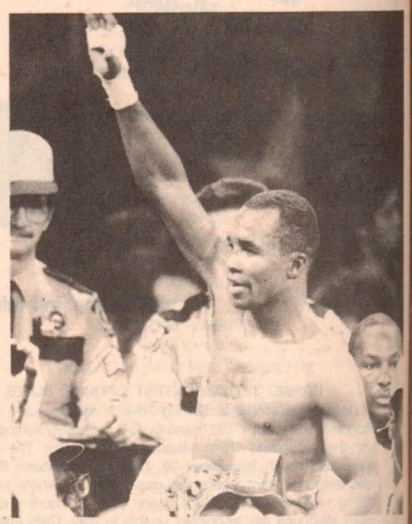
And while at times your magazine still causes me "untold physical pain and sleepless nights," I do hope that at some future time your editorial staff will factually report WBO title fights and maybe take off the blindfolds and see that the WBO is here to stay.

ED LEVINE
Coral Gables, FL

Editor's Note: The writer is the vice president of the World Boxing Organization.

A WAY FOR SUGAR RAY

I read Jeff Ryan's column in the July 1990 issue reflecting on poor old Mr. Leonard's predicament ("An Image Poorly Reflected"). Here is a man whose sole incentive in recent fights is public admiration, and yet the more he fights, the more the public seems to hate him. I bet he wished that he had stayed retired when he heard the booing during the third Duran fight.



A novel idea from reader Mike Blackett: Sugar Ray Leonard in a big-money boxing benefit for the children's charity of his choice.

What can he do to win back the public favor? I know a way. If he fights Michael Nunn—or King Kong, for that matter—for megabucks and wins, so what? He'll still be the cocky Mr. Clean the public likes to hate. If he loses, ha ha! But if he fights Nunn, and the promotion is called something like "Boxing Aid," suddenly Ray will be back in favor with a bang—win,

lose, or draw. I reckon he could even dog it and come out a hero.

Boxing Aid. Why not? I know, I know, expenses, expenses. But at the end of the day, a donation of 50 percent of all earnings (TV included) to a children's charity wouldn't be too much to ask, would it? One winner would definitely be boxing, and the sport could certainly do with a better public image.

Ray, you could do it. Think of the kids who would benefit worldwide. Think how nice retirement would feel. Don't deny history this time.

MIKE BLACKETT
London, England

GOING FARR

Thanks for including the story by Tommy Farr in the June 1990 issue ("The Farr Side: The Story Only A Fighter Could Tell"). Any boxer's ultimate triumph outside the ring is the bridging of the gap between men in the ring and those of us who watch. I was sure that Joyce Carol Oates understood all of us better than we do until reading Farr's fine piece. Farr proved he was a fighter's fighter and any writer's equal.

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ALAN WALDMAN
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BRELAND'S A WASTE

It's been more than five years since Mark Breland turned pro, and it's time he passed boxing's equivalent of the bar exam: Fight a good boxer or quit. This is the man who compiled an amateur record of 110-1 and who won Olympic gold. Although he's a two-time welterweight champion, Breland has failed to live up to expectations. By this point, I expected Breland to be an HBO house fighter earning $2-million per bout, fighting Hearns and Leonard, and challenging for the middleweight title.

But Breland is boxing's biggest disappointment, making $200,000 here and there, fighting off television, and in no way establishing himself as a household name. The man I considered a combination of Leonard and Hearns in 1984 turned out to be more like a combination of Milton McCrory and Billy Backus. What a waste of talent.

ROBERT SABATINI
Pacific Beach, CA

THE HARDEST HITTER?

Boxing fans will forever argue about who was the hardest-hitting heavyweight of all time. Of the champions, Dempsey, Marciano, Louis, Foreman, Liston, and even Tyson have all been considered. But I think that Earnie Shavers, who never won a title, hit harder than all of them. And, for that matter, so did Cleveland Williams, another contender. Liston twice knocked out Williams, but he often spoke of "The Big Cat's" incredible power.

Cleveland Williams kayos Dave Bailey in Houston in October 1962. Obscured by Bailey is the referee, heavyweight champion Sonny Liston. Williams was among the hardest-hitting heavyweights in history.

My argument is that the hardest hitters in *most* divisions are often non-champions. That's because punchers tend to be one-dimensional, and they lack the defense and stamina needed to win world titles. Williams, for example, was a perennial contender, but he suffered occasional kayo defeats, and when he finally secured a long-overdue title shot, he had to face Muhammad Ali.

It's been said by many that when Ali stopped Williams in three rounds in November 1966, he was at his career-best. That about sums up Williams' luck!

HARLEN PORTER
Waco, TX ■

British heavyweight Tommy Farr and friend Flossie in 1950. Farr was a world-class fighter and writer. His essays help laymen understand a fighter's motivation and emotions.

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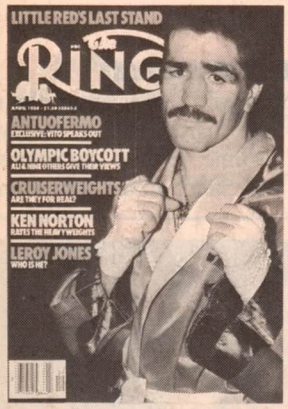

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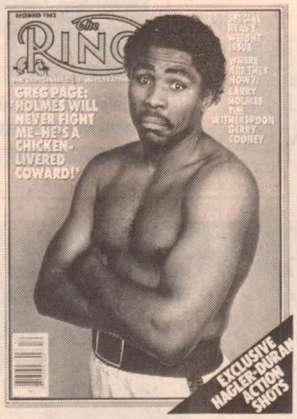

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Feb. 1984: Don King Talks And Talks And Talks. Plus: Leonard's return, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 1983 quotes, Marvin Hagler, Johnny Bratton, Gerald Hayes, Hagler-Duran color.

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June 1984: Bumphus, Lockridge, Duva: 'That Championship Year.' Plus: Ferdie Pacheco, Harry Arroyo, Holmes-Coetzee preview, Pipino Cuevas, Aaron Pryor, Battling Nelson-Joe Gans, Witherspoon-Page.

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Jan. 1985: Holmes-Bonecrusher Color Action. Plus: Gerry Cooney, pro debuts (Breland, Hill, Taylor, Biggs, Whitaker, Holyfield), Santos-Medal, Meza-Garza.

Feb. 1985: Showdown: Page Clobbers Coetzee For WBA Title. Plus: Larry Holmes, lightweights, Cooney-Chaplin, McCallum-Minchillo.

March 1985: Fighter Of The Year: Thomas 'Hit Man' Hearns. Plus: Year-end awards, Darrell-Estrada, Nelson-Gomez, Arroyo-Alli.

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May 1985: The Rematch In Reno: Bramble-Mancini Color Action. Plus: Donald Curry, Aaron Pryor, McGuigan-LaPorte.

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Jan. 1986: In Search Of A Heavyweight Champion. Plus: Azumah Nelson, Arguello-Jefferson, Olympic update, Chicago boxing.

Feb. 1986: Mike Tyson: The Legacy Of Cus D'Amato. Plus: Rocky IV, Curry-McCrory, Teddy Mann, Kenny Lane.

March 1986: Co-Fighters Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler & Donald Curry. Plus: Special year-end awards, 1985 boxing diary, annual ratings, Evander Holyfield, Fenech-Coffee.

April 1986: Witherspoon Tames Tubbs For WBA Title. Plus: Dream fights, Greg Haugen, Tyrell Biggs, Mark Breland, Paul Gonzales, HBO tourney, Witherspoon-Tubbs, Frank Warren, Gene Tunney.

May 1986: Marvelous Marvin Tames The Beast. Plus: Hearns-Shuler, Mike Tyson, Bramble-Crawley, Sandoval-Canizales, Marvin Johnson, McGuigan-Cabrera, Arguello-Costello, Weaver-Williams.

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May 1987: Mike Tyson: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Year-end awards, *The Ring* annual ratings, Louie Espinoza, Herol Graham.

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July 1987: Spinks-Cooney: The Fight That Refused To Die. Plus: The new *Ring* ratings, Terry Marsh, George Foreman's return, Khaosai Galaxy, Hearns-Andries, Whitaker-Mayweather.

Aug. 1987: Sugar Ray: Still In Style. Plus: Leonard-Hagler, all-time heavyweight ratings, Czyz-MacDonald, Camacho-Davis.

Sept. 1987: Michael Olajide: The Look Of The Future? Plus: Tyson-Thomas, Jeff Fenech, middleweight muddle, Tsuyoshi Hamada, Juan Roldan, Harold Knight.

Oct. 1987: Special Hall Of Fame Issue: Ali Elected Unanimously! Plus: Hall of Fame directory, Spinks-Cooney, Pazienza-Haugen II, Aaron Pryor.

Nov. 1987: Tyson Wins Heavyweight Triple-Crown. Plus: Triple-crown champs, Matthew Hilton, Carlos Monzon interview, McCallum-Curry.

Dec. 1987: Spinks & Lewis: Boxing's Beastie Boys. Plus: Starling-Breland, Ramzi Hassan, Honeyghan-Hatcher, Holyfield-Ocasio.

Jan. 1988: Darrin Van Horn—Million Dollar Baby? Plus: Evander Holyfield, Hill-Stewart, Juan Coggi, great hookers, AIDS.

Feb. 1988: Gold Outshines Glitter: Tate Tops Olajide. Plus: Tyson-Biggs, Kalambay-Barkley, Hearns-Roldan, fights we'd like to see.

March 1988: Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns: "Now I Own History." Plus: Chavez-Rosario, Roger Mayweather, Rocky Lockridge, bleeders, Bruno-Bugner, Fenech-Zarate, Tony Burton.

April 1988: Evander Holyfield: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Special year-end awards, Holyfield-Qawi II, Foreman-Sekorski, Hill-Angulo.

May 1988: Goorge Foreman: "I Can Beat Tyson." Plus: Tyson-Holmes, Jesse Benavides, Showtime, no-knockout artists.

June 1988: Sugar Ray Robinson Still The Sweetest! Plus: All-time middleweight ratings, Larry Holmes, Louie Lomeli, McGirt-Warren II, Haugen-Pazienza II.

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March 1989: Hearns Next For Sugar Ray? Plus: Leonard-Lalonde, Prince Charles Williams, Hearns-Kinchen, Nunn-Roldan, Hines-Hilton.

May 1989: The Best Of '88. Plus: Year-end awards, Evander Holyfield, Pryor-Morales, Fenech-Navarro.

Jan. 1990: Boxing's Bible Reborn At Age 68. Plus: George Foreman (color), Mike Tyson, Carlos Monzon, Duran-Leonard III, LaMotta-Dauthuille.

Feb. 1990: Riddick Bowe/Ray Mercer Target . . . Tyson: Plus: The Olympians as pros (color), Bobby Czyz, Gerry Cooney, Wepner-Liston, Bobo Olson.

March 1990: The '80s—Great Fights, Great Fighters (color). Plus: Jeff Harding, Evander Holyfield, Pete Rademacher, Sharkey-McCoy.

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May 1990: Big George Talks Tough! Plus: Archie Moore, Moore-Marciano (color), Grudge Wars, Kid Berg, Ike Williams-Alexis Arguello.

June 1990: Buster! How James Douglas Shocked The World. Plus: Michael Moorer, Camacho-Paez, Tommy Farr, Excuses, Dick Tiger, Ruben Olivares-Jeff Chandler.

July 1990: "I'm Hungrier Than Ever Before!" By Evander Holyfield. Plus: Muhammad Ali painting, Ali-Liston II, New York welters, Michael Carbajal, Jorge Paez, Kid Gavilan.

Aug. 1990: His Greatness Confirmed . . . Is Julio Cesar Chavez The Greatest Mexican Fighter Ever? Plus: Matthew Saad Muhammad, Sullivan & Tyson, Michael Nunn, Mark Breland, Harold Johnson, Louis-Godoy (color).

Sept. 1990: Marvin Hagler—Can He Resist The Irresistible Temptation? Plus: Thomas Hearns, Sanchez-Saddler, Paul Banke, puncher vs. chin, Beau Jack, Robinson-LaMotta (color).

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ROUND ONE

BOXING AND ALZHEIMER'S: The archetypical punchdrunk fighter finds it difficult to string a sentence together and forgets what he wants to say. He has a pushed-in puss and shuffles along on his heels. Those outside the ropes have always chuckled and described him as "Runyonesque."

But there is growing information that such a fighter could be suffering from Alzheimer's, a degenerative brain disorder that afflicts two million Americans annually.

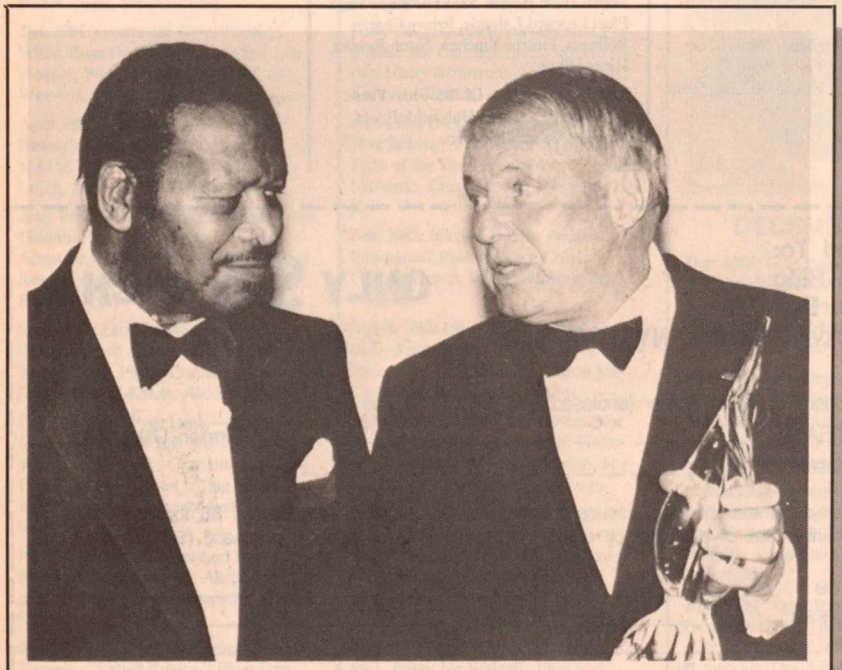
Alzheimer's begins by wiping away the memories of a person's life. Within seven years, all the names, faces, dates, and places of one's existence fade into oblivion. In time, the victim even forgets how to shave, dress, and eat.

Boxing's greatest fighter, Sugar Ray Robinson, was suffering from the disease when he died in April 1989.

According to Dr. Creighton Phelps, Vice President of Medical and Scientific Affairs for the Alzheimer's Association, head injury could lead to Alzheimer's.

Phelps explained that neurons, the vital centers for memory storage and information processing in the brain, are not replaceable, and that it is a well-documented fact that the older we get, the more neurons die. Boxers lose additional neurons because of the brain damage they sustain from absorbing blows to the head. By the time fighters reach an advanced age, they do so with a neuron deficit that makes them far more susceptible to brain disorders than the normal population.

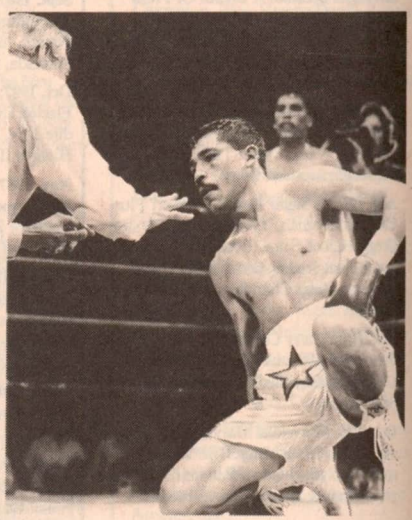
A recent study conducted at the University of Washington tested 130 Alzheimer patients and a control group of equal number. What was learned was that people with Alzheimer's were three times more likely to have suffered head trauma. According to Dr. Amy Borenstein, who spearheaded the study, "there are now more than eight studies that at least show a trend linking [head] trauma and Alzheimer's Disease."—**Ricky Horan**



Sugar Ray Robinson with Frank Sinatra in 1987

SLIPSLIDIN' AWAY: When Gerardo Martinez challenged WBC bantamweight titlist Raul "Jibaro" Perez at the Great Western Forum in May, he looked more like an ice skater than a fighter. Every time he tried to set himself and throw a punch, he slipped. He eventually tired and was stopped in the ninth round.

It was presumed that Martinez had worn leather, and not rubber, soles, which would have explained his lack of traction. But Miguel Jara, Martinez' manager, suspects dirty play.



Martinez' chance slips away

In a letter to *The Ring*, Jara wrote that Martinez had in fact worn rubber-soled shoes. After the fight, Jara "noticed an unusual residue around the edges of the soles . . . and [I] took the shoes to the Carter Analytical Laboratory in San Jose. The results were shocking."

The findings of the lab report stated that "the soles of the shoes have probably been coated with a lubricating grease of some kind."

"We have no evidence that Gerardo was cheated," Jara acknowledged, "[but] the slippery footing not only robbed his punching power, but

sapped his strength and broke his concentration. His corner worked feverishly on his shoes between rounds, but the damage was done. Gerardo performed admirably under the circumstances, but was exhausted."

Martinez dropped from third to ninth in the WBC ratings. There was no word of an immediate rematch.—**Joseph C. Tintle**

WHO'S QUARRY NOW? Maybe 45-year-old Jerry Quarry ought to stay out of the ring and let promoter John Ellis do his fighting for him. After all, Ellis throws a pretty mean right hand. Mean enough, in fact, to have given Quarry nine stitches.

Quarry hasn't fought since a pair of comeback victories in 1983. He was training in Wisconsin for a bout against journeyman Paul Bradshaw when Ellis called the former contender and conditioner-nutritionist Guy Ditmars "wimps" after Ditmars complained to Ellis that Quarry's sparring partners had been given the day off.

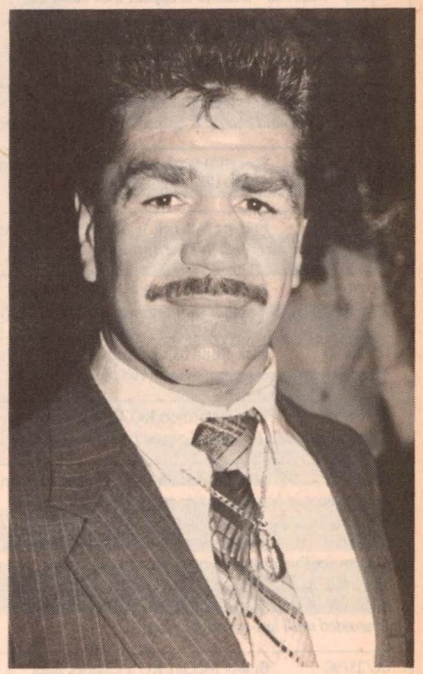
According to published reports, Quarry alleged that Ellis' two brothers slammed Ditmars against a wall and Ellis "hit me a shot in the eye. As a reflex action, I hit him and dropped him."

The cut over Quarry's right eye forced the cancellation of the scheduled June 9 fight in Lake Geneva.

Quarry had earlier claimed that he had cut his eye after walking into a kitchen cabinet. "It was my idea," co-promoter Gary Plinter said about Quarry's initial explanation. "But it made Jerry look foolish. I don't blame him for coming clean."

Now, if only Quarry can come to his senses.—**Joseph C. Tintle**

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: David Gonzales, a top-10 lightweight, was shot outside a Houston lounge on May 28. According to reports, he and friend Miguel Angel Martinez were confronted by two men. Martinez was shot dead, and as Gonzales fled, he was shot in the back. His injuries were minor, and he was released two days after entering a Houston hospital . . . Boxing writer Ben Greene, who penned a weekly column titled, "On The Fistic Scene," died in New York City after a stroke. He was believed to be 85 . . . After 8,000 Tunisian fans waited four hours for the start of the WBO junior lightweight title bout between local favorite Kamel Bou-Ali and Tyrone Downes, the bout was canceled because the promoter, Saled Mourad, couldn't pay the fighters. Tunisian sports officials reported that Mourad was subsequently arrested for investigation of fraud . . . According to the British *Boxing News,* longtime welterweight contender Clyde Gray pleaded guilty in a Canadian court to five counts of theft and forgery. Gray reportedly misappropriated almost $25,000 while serving as commissioner for the Ontario Athletics Commission . . . Robert "Pappy" Gault, 68, died of a ruptured ulcer following a heart attack in Los Angeles. In 1968, Gault became the first black coach of the U.S. Olympic team . . . Look for former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo in the upcoming film *The Godfather, Part III.* Antuofermo plays bodyguard Anthony "The Ant" Squigliaro . . . Heavyweight Proud Kilimanjaro of Zimbabwe was banned from fighting in any Commonwealth nation because he refused to provide an AIDS test result. . . . Steve Wynn, who owns Las Vegas' Mirage hotel, won the WBA's purse bid for heavyweight champion Buster Douglas' mandatory defense against Evander Holyfield. Wynn offered $32.1-million. According to purse bid rules, Douglas is to receive 75 percent of that figure, and Holyfield 25 percent. The only other bid was made by Dan Duva, Holyfield's promoter, who offered more than $29-million . . . Jimmy McCarron, 78, a former chairman of the Massachusetts boxing commission, died in mid-May. McCarron was a member of the 1932 Olympic boxing team.



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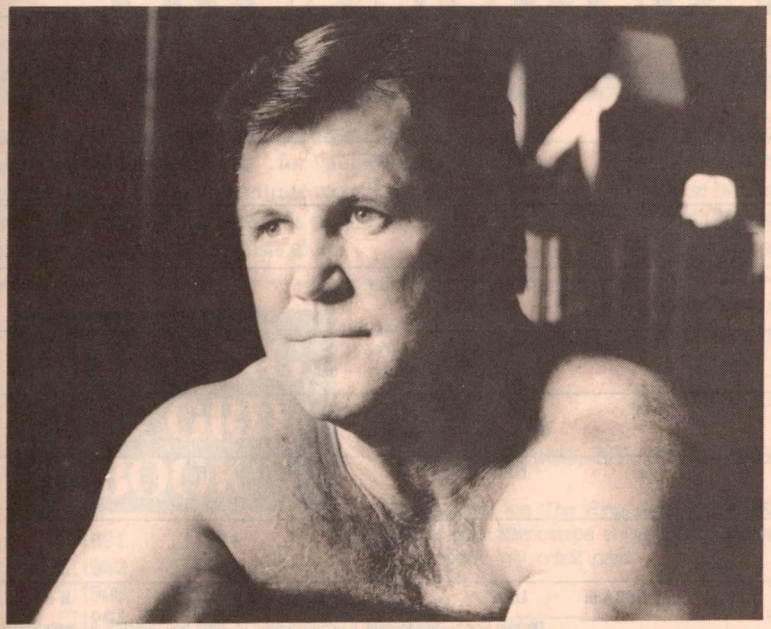

Jerry Quarry: 45 and still looking for a fight

THE PUNCHLINE: After first-time promoter Diana Lewis told *The Ring's* Joseph Tintle why she had signed Aaron Pryor, who is legally blind in his left eye, for her show in Madison, Wisconsin, she added, "C'mon, you were proud of me, weren't you?" ■

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DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
05/15/90	Jose Quirino KO 2 Tony DeLuca *Upset; "Bazooka" DeLuca dropped, then badly cut*	fl	USA	C+	C	B-
05/17/90	Tracy Spann KO 6 Bernard Gray *Another brawl for top-rated contender*	l	ESPN	B+	B+	A-
05/18/90	Jose Sanabria KO 2 Gino Gelormino *Former 122-pound champ is devastating at higher weight*	jl	MSG	B	B	B-
05/19/90	**Pernell Whitaker W 12 Azumah Nelson** *Winner's speed, jab, too much for slower Azumah*	**WBC, IBF l**	**HBO**	**A**	**A**	**B-**
05/20/90	Frankie Mitchell W 10 Pee Wee Parker *Unbeaten Philadelphian not overly impressive*	jl	NBC	B	B+	B-
05/20/90	**Tony Lopez W 12 John-John Molina** *Lopez wins rubber match with inspired late-rounds rally*	**IBF jl**	**NBC**	**A**	**A-**	**A-**
05/20/90	Nick Rupa KO 3 Enrique Sarabia *Canadian prospect seems to lack kayo power*	w	NBC	C-	C	C
05/21/90	Tony Thornton KO 4 Dave Tiberi *Tiberi's cut spoils fast-paced phone booth warfare*	m	SC	C	B-	B-
05/21/90	Manuel Medina W 12 Tyrone Jackson *Decent pace in boxer-puncher matchup*	jl	PN	C+	B	B
05/22/90	Antoine Byrd W 12 Lenzi Morgan *Contender Byrd hit often by 48-hour substitute*	USBA sm	USA	B+	C+	B+
05/24/90	Kid Akeem KO 12 Memo Flores *One-sided until last-round stoppage*	NABF jb	ESPN	B+	C	C
05/25/90	Buddy McGirt KO 2 Charles Baez *Quickie; McGirt's hooks land often*	w	MSG	B	C	C-
05/31/90	Charles Murray KO 7 Robert Guy *Murray is sizzling; one right cross does it*	jw	ESPN	B-	B-	B-
06/01/90	Evander Holyfield KO 4 Seamus McDonagh *Typical Holyfield bout: Fierce intensity and all action*	h	Show	A-	B+	B+
06/02/90	**Marcos Villasana KO 8 Paul Hodkinson** *Hoko easily ahead, but struggling with two swollen eyes*	**WBC f**	**ABC**	**A**	**A-**	**B+**
06/04/90	Greg Haugen KO 6 Bobby Nunez *Haugen sharp in second comeback effort*	jw	SC	B-	C+	C
06/04/90	**Humberto Gonzalez KO 3 Luis Monzote** *American debut a smashing success for the "Little Assassin"*	**WBC jfl**	**PN**	**A**	**A-**	**B**
06/05/90	Lupe Gutierrez KO 3 Georgie Garcia *Bleeding Gutierrez rallies in quickie thriller*	USBA f	USA	B+	B	B+
06/10/90	**Orlando Canizales KO 2 Paul Gonzales** *Eye cut brings premature end to grudge match*	**IBF b**	**NBC**	**A**	**B+**	**C**
06/10/90	Todd Foster KO 8 Santos Moreno *Methodical win for unbeaten Olympian*	jw	NBC	C+	C+	C
06/10/90	Steve Martinez D 6 Pedro de la Cruz *Hot prospect Martinez lucky to get draw in slugfest*	w	NBC	C	B-	B+
06/11/90	Rodney Moore KO 1 Mario Fuentes *Is slick Philadelphian turning into a powerpuncher?*	jw	SC	B-	C+	C
06/12/90	Booker T. Word KO 1 Anthony Hembrick *Shocker! Hembrick stretched out for several minutes*	USBA lh	USA	A-	B+	B+

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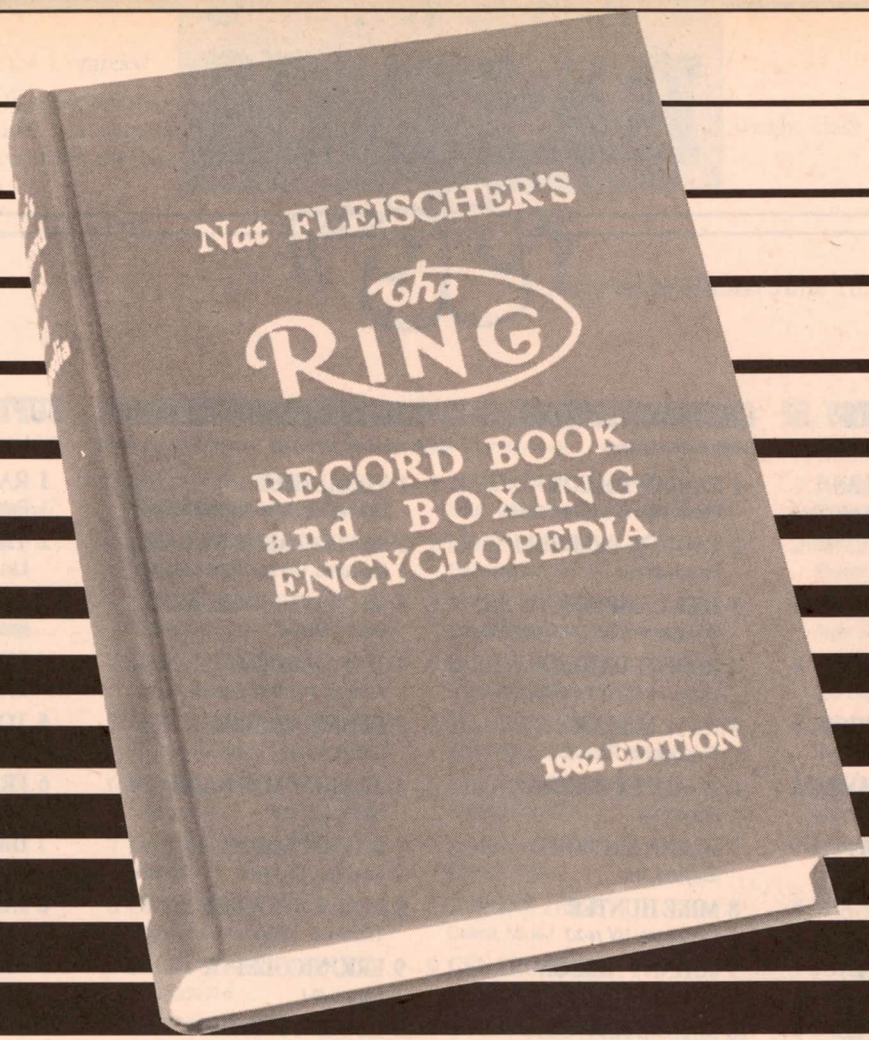

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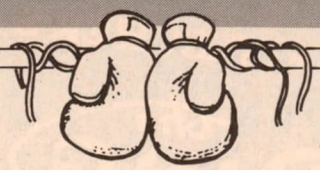

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Columbus, OH *32-4 (World Champ)*

2 **MIKE TYSON**
Catskill, NY *38-1*

3 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *24-0*

4 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *23-1-1*

5 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *32-3*

6 **FRANCESCO DAMIANI**
Italy *26-0*

7 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *22-3*

8 **TONY TUCKER**
Big Oaks, CA *37-1*

9 **ALEX STEWART**
Brooklyn, NY *25-1*

10 **RENALDO SNIPES**
Yonkers, NY *37-7-1*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **CARLOS DeLEON**
Puerto Rico *42-5-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TAOUFIK BELBOULI**
France *29-1*

3 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *34-13-1 (IBF Champ)*

4 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *17-1 (WBA Champ)*

5 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *16-1*

6 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *27-1*

7 **GLENN McCRORY**
England *27-6*

8 **MIKE HUNTER**
Las Vegas, NV *14-2-2*

9 **JOHNNY NELSON**
England *17-5-1*

10 **MAGNE HAVNAA**
Norway *14-2*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Las Vegas, NV *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *28-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *20-0*

4 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *17-0 (WBC Champ)*

5 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *36-8-2*

6 **ANDREW MAYNARD**
Laurel, MD *12-0*

7 **DAVID VEDDER**
San Jose, CA *13-9-3*

8 **LESLIE STEWART**
Trinidad & Tobago *27-5*

9 **ERIC NICOLETTA**
France *10-1*

10 **BOOKER T. WORD**
Ypsilanti, MI *17-1-1*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIG
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **RAY LEONARD**
Potomac, MD *36-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

3 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *26-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *41-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

5 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *18-1-1*

6 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *24-2*

7 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-1-1*

8 **JAMES KINCHEN**
San Diego, CA *47-7-2*

9 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *11-2*

10 **JUAN CARLOS GIMENE**
Paraguay *33-4-3*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *22-1 (IBF & WBC Champ)*

2 **JUAN NAZARIO**
Puerto Rico *22-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *25-0*

4 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *25-17-3*

5 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *25-2-1*

6 **EDWIN ROSARIO**
Puerto Rico *35-4*

7 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *32-1*

8 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *29-0*

9 **DAVID GONZALES**
San Jose, CA *23-1-1*

10 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *16-0-1*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *31-2*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *35-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *41-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *21-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *19-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JUAN LaPORTE**
New York, NY *36-9*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *20-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-0*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-2*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *35-4-1*

5 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *50-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *38-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *17-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *18-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *21-0-2*

10 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *18-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGH
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *18-4 (WBC Cham*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *31-1*

3 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

4 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *26-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *32-4*

6 **SEUNG HOON LEE**
South Korea *44-6-1*

7 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *35-2*

8 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *25-2*

9 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *13-0*

10 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *16-0*

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- In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.
- Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.
- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *35-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *48-4-1*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

5 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *25-6*

6 **HEROL GRAHAM**
England *43-2*

7 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

8 **NIGEL BENN**
England *26-1*

9 **DONALD CURRY**
Fort Worth, TX *32-3*

10 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *16-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *48-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *25-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *20-0*

6 **RENE JACQUOT**
France *26-7-1*

7 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-1*

8 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

9 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *23-0*

10 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *45-1-2*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **MARLON STARLING**
South Windsor, CT *45-6-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MARK BRELAND**
Brooklyn, NY *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *49-2-1*

5 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Washington, D.C. *31-1*

6 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *29-1*

7 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *28-0*

8 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

10 **KIRKLAND LAING**
England *37-7-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *68-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *24-1-1*

3 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *36-6*

5 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *37-0*

6 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *26-1-1*

7 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *27-1*

8 **FRANKIE RANDALL**
Morristown, TN *40-2-1*

9 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *22-2-2*

10 **SAMMY FUENTES**
Puerto Rico *20-7-1*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *25-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *23-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *32-2-1*

5 **WILFREDO VASQUEZ**
Puerto Rico *28-3-3*

6 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3*

7 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

8 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *19-1-1*

9 **BILLY HARDY**
England *23-5-1*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *43-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MOON SUNG KIL**
South Korea *12-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *30-1*

6 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *19-0*

7 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *16-2*

8 **SHUNICHI NAKAJIMA**
Japan *23-4*

9 **GILBERTO ROMAN**
Mexico *54-6-1*

10 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *17-0-1*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *21-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *15-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *37-2*

5 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-2-1*

6 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-2*

7 **JAVIER LUCAS**
Mexico *37-5*

8 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *26-4*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *36-9-1*

10 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *20-2*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Junior Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

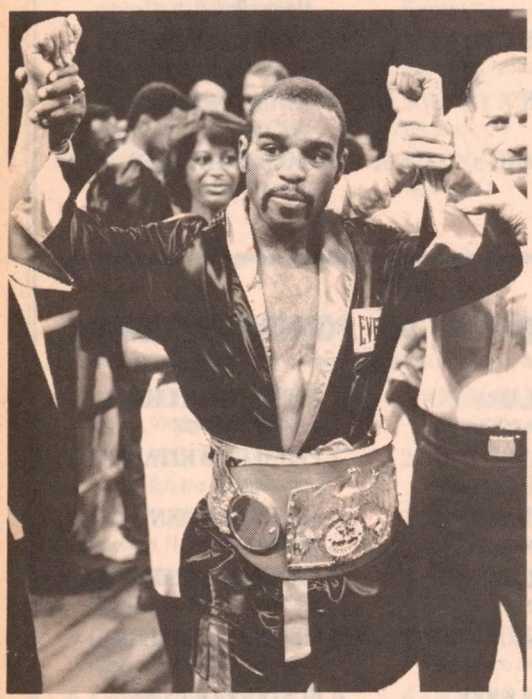
10 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Light Flyweight

KATZ SCAN

NO SIMPLE SOLUTION

By Michael Katz

You wonder where it will end. Bob Arum, perhaps facetiously, once estimated that 50 percent of all boxers were on drugs. Sometimes it seems that the promoter was guilty of a rare outburst of understatement.



Like too many fighters, former junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge succumbed to drugs.

Mike Tyson? Sugar Ray Leonard? Whose nose is clean, whose is not? Who could shock us anymore? Julio Cesar Chavez? Thomas Hearns? Go by Arum's estimate and half of those great fighters are guilty of—the question of legality aside—nothing less than gross stupidity.

Rocky Lockridge? The kid who twice grew into a world champion? The one who went around to mutual friends when Johnny Bumphus was suffering, and told them not to lend Bump any money "because you'll just help him kill himself"? Rocky Lockridge, who went to college while he was boxing and had the good suburban life in Maple Shade, New Jersey, with a loving wife and two sons? Who was told that when his fighting days were over, he could either join the Duva team as a trainer or probably get a job in one of the Atlantic City casinos as a greeter of high rollers?

Yes, Rocky Lockridge. You can understand, in a way, what happened to Bumphus, his boyhood friend from Tacoma, Washington. Bump was the son of alcoholics, and one day he went home to find that his father had blown away his mother's head with a shotgun. But Rocky? Please, not Rocky.

Where does it end? Why does it start?

Don King has watched heavyweights Tim Witherspoon, Pinklon Thomas, Michael Dokes, Mitch Green, and Tony Tubbs go bad. He is not alone. Arum has been forced to run a kind of halfway house 60 miles outside of Vegas for Kennedy McKinney and Vince Phillips. The Duvas' fighters have included Bumphus, Lockridge, Alex Ramos, Tony Ayala Jr., and Tony Tucker, and Mitch Green has gone through through more than one promoter. So has Aaron Pryor. You can make a top 10 of drug abusers in recent years and send it directly to the hall of fame.

Rocky Lockridge was the first Duva fighter to make it big. His descent was shocking because of his character. Lockridge worked at his game. He was not the kind of man who figured to throw away everything.

He was different than most of his colleagues. They get up in the morning at cook's time, run for a half-hour, then go back to sleep. In the afternoon, they work for maybe another two hours. It's not tough work if you don't mind getting punched in the face, and what the hell, that's one of the hazards of life anyway.

There has always been the hint of sloth to a fighter's personality. When I came on the beat, I was given good advice from Vic Ziegel. "Ask them what jobs they held before they became fighters," said the New York *Daily News* columnist. "You could learn a lot about their character."

By no means are boxers the only athletes who do not understand what it means to work for a living. And they are not the only athletes who succumb to the lure of drugs. Follow Ziegel's advice and you'll discover why some greats, though, were true professionals, men with work ethics. Larry Holmes worked in car washes and drove trucks, and when boxing became his job, he took it seriously. So did Leonard. And was there ever a fighter who better turned blue collar into blue ribbon than Marvin Hagler? The man worked in construction and was on the assembly line of a shoe factory, and

took the same pride in those jobs as he would later in boxing. When he was in construction, he said, he was the best.

You see the kids go wrong early. Holmes, the pro's pro, contemplates a comeback when he should be a teacher. But he has become disillusioned with the kids he has tried to help back home in Easton, Pennsylvania.

"One kid, he has talent, but every weekend he goes out drinking," Holmes said disgustedly.

Others just like to strut around and boast to the girls that Larry Holmes is their trainer. Who needs to work when girls fall for that line?

letting you know you have too much money." Life at the top can be as frightening as the crack houses in the old neighborhood. I remember Leon Spinks and his feeling of not being good enough to move in circles to which his ring-earned wealth entitled him. Leon would opt for the sleazy bars and sleazier pals.

Many fighters bring the streets with them. They hold on to the wrong kind of friends who, being street-smart, know the free ride will not last forever, so they'd better make it as fast as they can. The fighter thinks that he is being true to his roots.

great son-in-law prospects—hardened the Duvas.

"Rocky did this to himself," she said. "You can't say life gave him a bad hand. Maybe they realize you can't have limousines all your life and mail service. It must be very hard to accept that the day will come when they will have to give up their hotel suites. Maybe they turn to an artificial means of escaping. I don't know. I've given up trying to figure it out."

With the advent of the seven-figure payday, the problem may be hardest to understand at the top. But you can bet that there have been, and will be, many titles lost not in the ring, but in the nose. You start making $10-million a fight, as the top men will do in the near-future, and it will be difficult to get motivated. You make $10-million a fight, the temptation will be to spend it because, hell, there's always another $10-million coming in. There will be a lot of strange results in the future.

The time has come for promoters like Bob Arum and Don King to fund a program that will help fighters with drug problems. Both promoters have lost world-class fighters to drug dependency.

There are no simple answers, as society has discovered. Entertainers self-destruct the same way prize fighters do. There are drug problems on Wall Street and City Hall, and there is no vaccination against it. While society-at-large works on prevention that will hopefully be a bit more sophisticated than silly slogans like "Say No To Drugs," boxing might try helping with the cure. For there are cures to many drug problems: therapy, counseling, and if you first don't succeed, you must try again.

They grow up in drug-infested blight. Drugs are the easy way out. The pushers become the role models, driving fancy cars and escorting fancy women. So the kids are taught that there are other ways of escaping. Learn how to dribble a basketball or throw a football in a tight spiral. If you're not big enough for basketball or football, learn how to throw a double-left hook. It is the big lie, of course. You can't slam dunk your way out. Because even at the top, you'd better have some of the values you were supposed to have picked up along the way.

"The more success you have in life, the more prone you are," warned trainer Joey Fariello. "You think you can handle anything."

The conceit of success has been well-documented out of boxing. Richard Pryor called cocaine "God's way of

There have been fighters who dabbled with drugs the same way there used to be fighters who could drink a bit and not allow it to affect their performances—at least for a while. They are young and they are physically fit. What would ravage an ordinary body may not harm them until later life, when their athletic careers are long over.

But some, apparently like Lockridge, can't deal with even a drink of wine. And they are easy prey to stronger stuff.

"Before his [first] fight with Tony Lopez [when Lockridge lost the IBF 130-pound title], Rocky was out getting drunk all the time," said Kathy Duva. "It was all we could do to keep him in his room."

She has no sympathy for Lockridge. Maybe the traumas of Ayala, Ramos, and Bumphus—all kids who seemed

The two-week wonder camps don't work. Most cases need a lot more time. It's expensive, but now boxing is in the big bucks. Some of those bucks have to be set aside to help the Rocky Lockridges get back their lives. Take it from exorbitant sanctioning fees charged by the greedy alphabet organizations. Take it from the outrageous profits made by promoters. Take it from purses of fighters making big bucks.

Maybe when Don King, Bob Arum, and the Duvas realize that they, too, are being robbed—that their best products are being ruined—they can get together and create a program for boxing to take care of its own. ■

RYAN

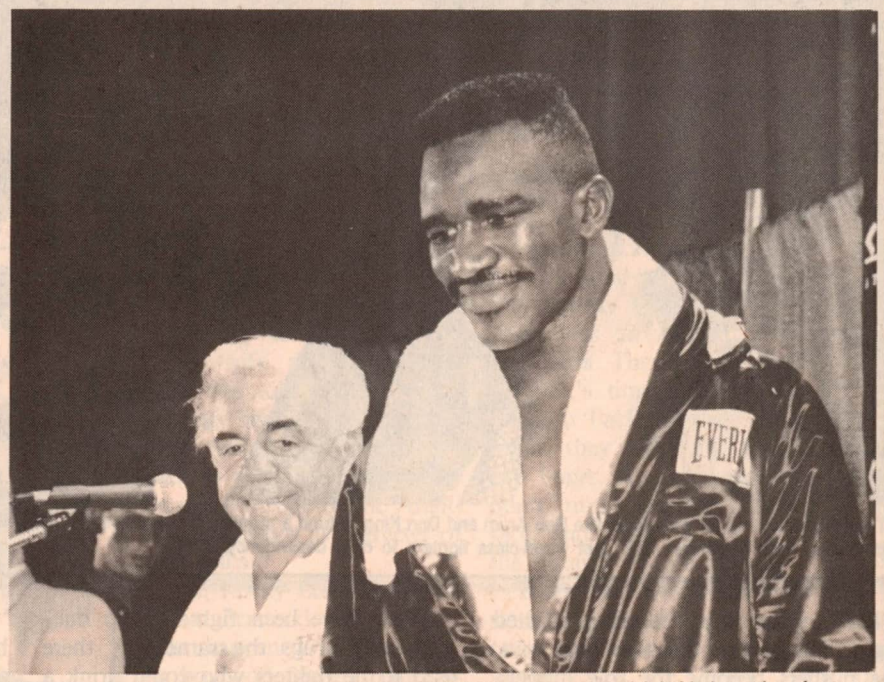
OUT LOUD

RECOGNIZE THIS GUY?

By Jeff Ryan

By now, Evander Holyfield has to have noticed that he's having this recognition problem. On the bright side, his recognition factor is greater than that of many world-class athletes, for example, the entire United Arab Emirates World Cup soccer team. But let's be frank, here. Anyone who thinks "The Real Deal's" popularity is soaring out of this world can only mean that it's much closer to Khaosai's Galaxy than Air Jordan's stratosphere.

In Atlantic City in June, Holyfield suffered what had to be considered a 8.3 tremor on the Indignity Scale. A day or two before he was to tune up his engine in a mismatch with Seamus McDonagh, Holyfield found himself standing in a hotel elevator with none other than Seamus McDonagh. Not knowing whom he was speaking to, McDonagah, nice polite Irish college student that he is, invited the stranger to the fight. Perplexed, Holyfield declined the invite, saying he'd already made plans to be there.



If number-one heavyweight contender Evander Holyfield were as colorful behind a microphone as handler Lou Duva, he'd surely make headlines. But Holyfield is quiet and private.

In essence, this has been the story of Holyfield's career. The Real Deal has been the mandatory contender for the heavyweight title longer than any fighter of the last 10 years. He is a former Olympic medalist and the man who singlehandedly legitimized the cruiserweight division when he was its champion. He has a build that would make most of the crowd at Venice Beach run to put on shirts for fear of being embarrassed. But somehow, he has this knack for blending into the scenery.

Think about it: Could *anyone* stand next to Mike Tyson in an elevator and not know who he was? Could anyone even fit in an elevator with George Foreman?

What's even worse than the fact that Holyfield is not a recognizable figure is that those who *do* know him often show so little appreciation for him. A USA Network phone poll in June, answered by 5,000 viewers, revealed that 45 percent preferred a Foreman-Tyson fight to any other heavyweight matchup. Another 40 percent chose Douglas-Tyson II. Holyfield-Douglas, scheduled for October, finished third with a mere 15 percent. It might not have finished *that* high if Donald Trump vs. his creditors or Dave Winfield vs. George Steinbrenner had been on the ballot.

Holyfield's lack of appeal, of course, can be traced directly to his personality. He is one of boxing's premier gentlemen, a loving father and husband who is more comfortable grabbing a Bible than making a fist. Someone asks him a question, he answers it. Not like Robin Williams doing standup or The Ultimate Warrior trying to sell tickets to a Texas Death Match with Hulk Hogan, but like a private man sharing his thoughts. He is about as controversial as The Weather Channel.

He relies on his ring performances to make his strongest statements, so in this day and age, he suffers. He is called bland. Dull. Some people want the doctors to check and make sure, during his next prefight physical, that he indeed has a pulse. Others wonder if, the next time Holyfield is back home in Atlanta, there is some way Ted Turner can colorize him.

Presumably, Holyfield suffers from a bad Q-rating, the measuring stick for a performer's appeal among the mainstream. The immediate inclination, naturally, is to offer him more Q-tips than you'd find in the shirt pocket of cutman Eddie "The Clot" Aliano. Holyfield should get down and dirty. The next time HBO interviews him and Douglas, as it did at the Tyson-Tillman card, he should reach across Larry Merchant and slap Douglas' face. He should start poking fun at everything from Tyson's choice in women to his driving record. He should offer to turn over his entire purse to the George Foreman Youth and Community Center if Foreman can last so much as two rounds with him.

But such an approach would be foolish for two reasons. First, the role of entertainer just isn't in Holyfield's makeup. Foreman's schtick is a delight because we know it's genuine. His crazy quotes are a reflection of his mindset in this, his career rebirth. Tyson's personna, while too often a turnoff, is nonetheless enthralling because it, too, is genuine. When he says he likes to see blood spill, we know he actually means it.

By contrast, Holyfield's only attempt at being controversial—challenging Douglas and Tyson to have the "guts to sit through an entire screening" of the horror movie *Blood Salvage*—came across as little more than a publicity stunt for a movie Holyfield appeared in and helped finance.

There is a more important reason, however, that Holyfield shouldn't change his personality: By doing so, he would be catering to the American sports fans' diminishing sense of taste. We, as a viewing public, have grown increasingly intolerant of athletes who don't trot out some sort of vaudeville act to go along with their physical talents.

Nowadays, we look at a guy who steps onto the playing surface, displays good sportsmanship while doing his job to perfection, delivers a few straightforward quotes during the interview afterward, and then retires to the privacy of the dressing room, and we ask, "What's *his* problem?"

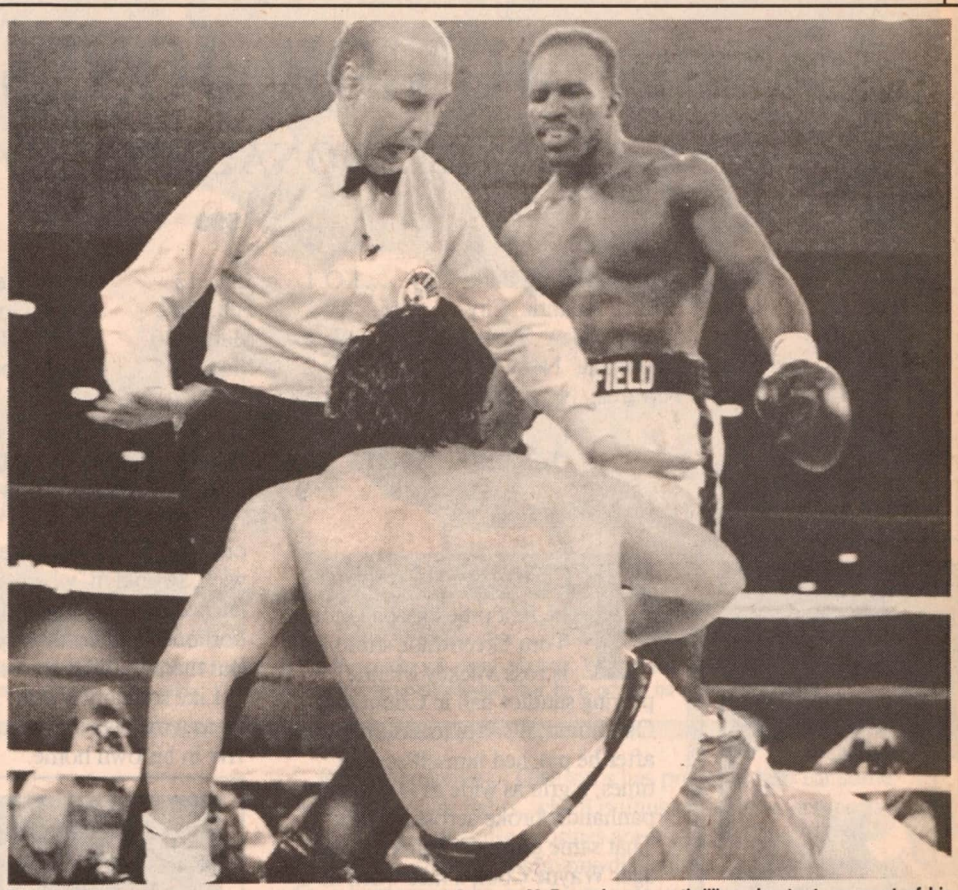
We have no use for an Ivan Lendl who wears basic white, mechanically drives forehands corner to corner, and says afterward, "I just played better than he did today." We call Lendl a robot. But we can't wait to watch John McEnroe curse and break racquets, or Andre Agassi race around the court in hot pink and then throw his sweaty shirt into the crowd. To the American sports fan, a *boor* is acceptable. A *bore* is not.

I stand convicted with my fellow couch potatoes on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of our pro athletes. I'd much rather watch Jorge Paez punch himself in the face than see Michael Nunn hook off the jab and backpedal out of range of retaliation. I'll stay tuned to a baseball game just to see Deion $anders draw a dollar sign in the batter's box with his bat and talk trash to the catcher. But I won't stay tuned to watch Tony Gwynn ground another single between first and second.

But at the same time that I'm laughing at these shtick figures, I realize that I'm doing an injustice to their more talented, less flashy counterparts. And that I'm forgetting there must always be a place in sports—and everywhere else—for the blue-collar guy, the lunch-pail carrier who puts in his eight hours every day without having to taunt his supervisor, breakdance on the lunchroom table, or paint his hardhat pink.

So don't change, Evander. Not for me. Not for anyone. Stay just as you are, an executioner and a gentleman. No tassels, no hassles. And don't worry about that stuff in the elevator. The next time you're on an elevator and an opponent walks in, fails to recognize you, and asks if you're going down, just look at him and smile.

Little will he know that it's he who'll be going down soon enough, and that after that, he'll remember your face forever. ■



Holyfield's most recent effort, a fourth-round kayo of Seamus McDonagh, was a thrilling shootout, as most of his heavyweight battles have been. Why, then, don't more fans want to see him fight Tyson, Douglas, or Foreman?

NEW FACES

JUNIOR JONES

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1989		1990	
June 8	George Young III, Atlantic City.....KO 1	Jan. 12	Carlos Reyna, Hempstead, NY.....KO 2
June 23	Quincy Pratt, Atlantic City..... W 4	Feb. 20	Angel Gonzalez, Atlantic City ..... W 6
Aug. 10	John Johnson, New York ..... W 4	March 30	Fermin Rodriguez, Kansas City.....KO 4
Sept. 14	Charlie Montana, New York.....KO 2	May 18	Guadalupe Barajas, Callicoon, NY ..KO 1
Nov. 16	Ruben Navarez, New York.....KO 5		

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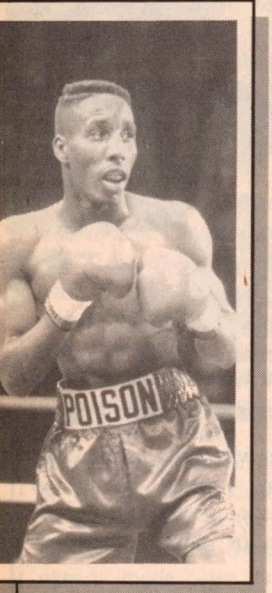


By Robert Cassidy

The first time baseball scout Tom Greenwade stumbled across Mickey Mantle playing sandlot ball in Commerce, Oklahoma, it's safe to assume that after he pinched himself several times, a grin as wide as Oklahoma's panhandle broke across his face. That same grin now lights up manager Wayne Cook's face when he's watching 19-year-old bantamweight "Poison" Junior Jones at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn.

Boxing has about as much in common with baseball as Commerce does with Brooklyn, but there is one word shared by both Jones and Mantle as teenagers: *Gifted.*

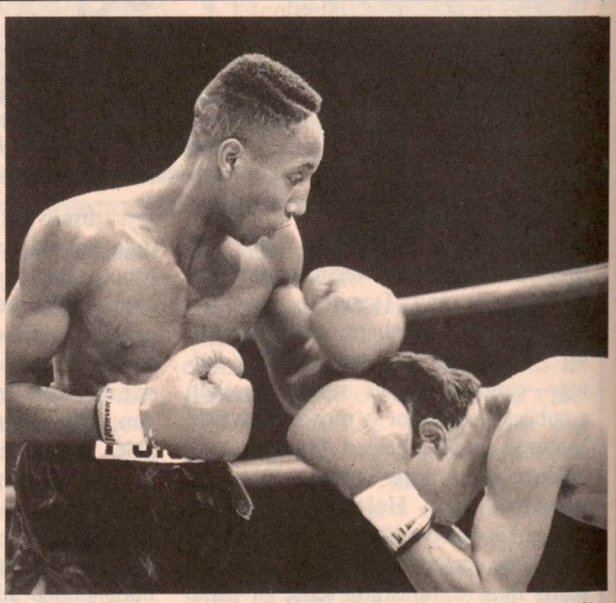
"He's just a natural," says Cook.

Boxing, of course, is stocked with naturals who end up looking very natural in a horizontal position, with a referee standing over them. But along with an abundance of speed and skill, the 118-pound Jones benefits from a 5'8" frame that affords him natural leverage and exceptional punching power. Like Mantle, Jones is a hitter.

"He's a big-time puncher," Cook said. "Whether it's the jab, hook, or cross, any punch he hits you with, he can hurt you."

Given the environment of Jones' youth, it would seem quite natural that he would develop the skills to hurt someone else. Jones was raised in a single-parent home in Bushwick, Brooklyn, where all roads lead to trouble. But he latched onto boxing and fought his way out of the neighborhood. Same story—you've read it 1,000 times before. But there's a twist to Jones' story.

Like so many others, Jones began to box out of necessity, as a means of survival. But Jones was only trying to survive in his own home.



In his third pro bout, Jones decisioned John Johnson in New York City. Note Jones' huge shoulders and his superior reach. He enjoys natural physical advantages over almost all of his 118-pound foes.

When he was eight, he had daily household skirmishes with sisters Renee and Erica. Jones always outpunched the younger Erica. But Renee, three years older than her brother, would even the score for the girls by tossing Jones a beating and then chaining him to the fire escape until their mother returned home from work. Jones eventually realized it was time to learn how to fight. So he went to the Brooklyn PAL.

But his instant success didn't make much of an impression on the young boy.

"At first I hated boxing," he said. "I thought it was boring. But I was 40-0 by the time I was 11, and then I got serious."

And then he did some serious damage. He finished his amateur career with a record of 150-9 (81), and picked up two New York Golden Gloves titles and two National PAL titles. He beat Ed Hopson and Lionel Odom, and lost a 3-2 decision to eventual gold medalist Kennedy McKinney at the 1988 Olympic Trials.

His trainer, Joey Fariello, spotted Jones while doing TV commentary at the Golden Gloves in 1988.

"He stood out," recalled Fariello, "but I overlooked him because he was a bantamweight. Someone that light usually doesn't have much earning power as a pro."

Fariello quickly changed his mind.

"I really didn't appreciate Junior until I started working with him," he said. "I think he's a potential superstar. I think it's a foregone conclusion that he's gonna be a champion. Barring any injury, this time next year he could be fighting for a world title."

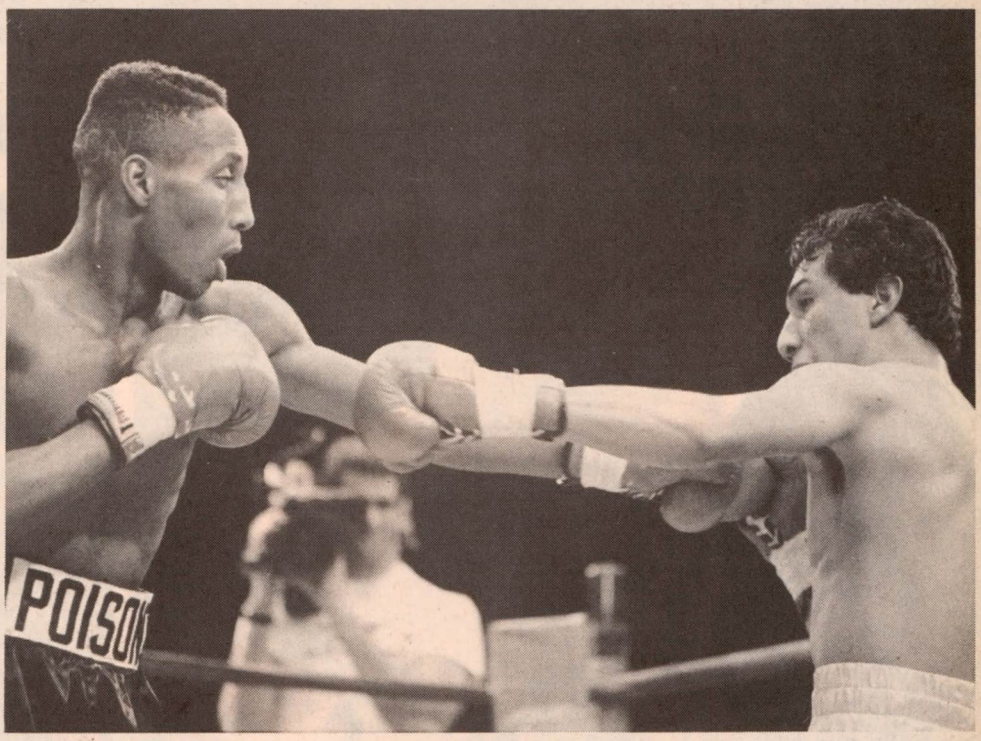
But before there are world title fights, there are club-shows at venues like the Villa Roma Country Club in obscure Callicoon, New York. On May 18, Jones fought his second scheduled eight-rounder against Guadalupe Barajas. As he left his dressing room, the rap song "Poison" by Bell Biv DeVoe, blared over the public address system. Jones bounced rhythmically, keeping perfect time with the song's electronic percussion.

After the opening bell, Jones continued in the same rhythm. He pumped his jab in triplicate, just as the lead singer had stuttered "P-P-Poison." He rapped Barajas with so many lefts and rights, the fight was over in the first round.

Jones' return to Gleason's was his return to school. The bantamweight left high school in his senior year to concentrate full-time on boxing. On an afternoon in June, Jones sparred with junior lightweight Serge Artemiev, one of the Soviet fighters who have turned pro in the United States.

Despite spotting his partner about 10 pounds, Jones battled Artemiev with abandon. Twice they wrestled each other to the ground, and they even traded punches while trying to escape clinches. But it was a routine day of sparring for Jones, who is often matched up against former top-10 junior lightweights Tyrone Jackson and Gino Gelormino, as well as featherweight prospect Kevin Kelley.

"I know I have to perform my best [in the gym]," said Jones, "because if I make a mistake, these guys will make me pay for it."



Jones exhibits his exceptional reach during his points win over Johnson. Veteran trainer Joey Fariello calls Jones "a future superstar," and adds, "I think it's a foregone conclusion that he's gonna be a champion."

Rugged sparring at Gleason's has prepared him for some unusually tough fights, which is unusual because prospects with as much promise as Jones are often coddled. On the East Coast, though, it remains difficult to make matches for a bantamweight, much less protect one.

"I like the aggressive approach," said Jones. "With harder fights, I learn more. You can run in fours and sixes. But in an eight- or 10-rounder, after a while, no matter what you do, I'll catch you."

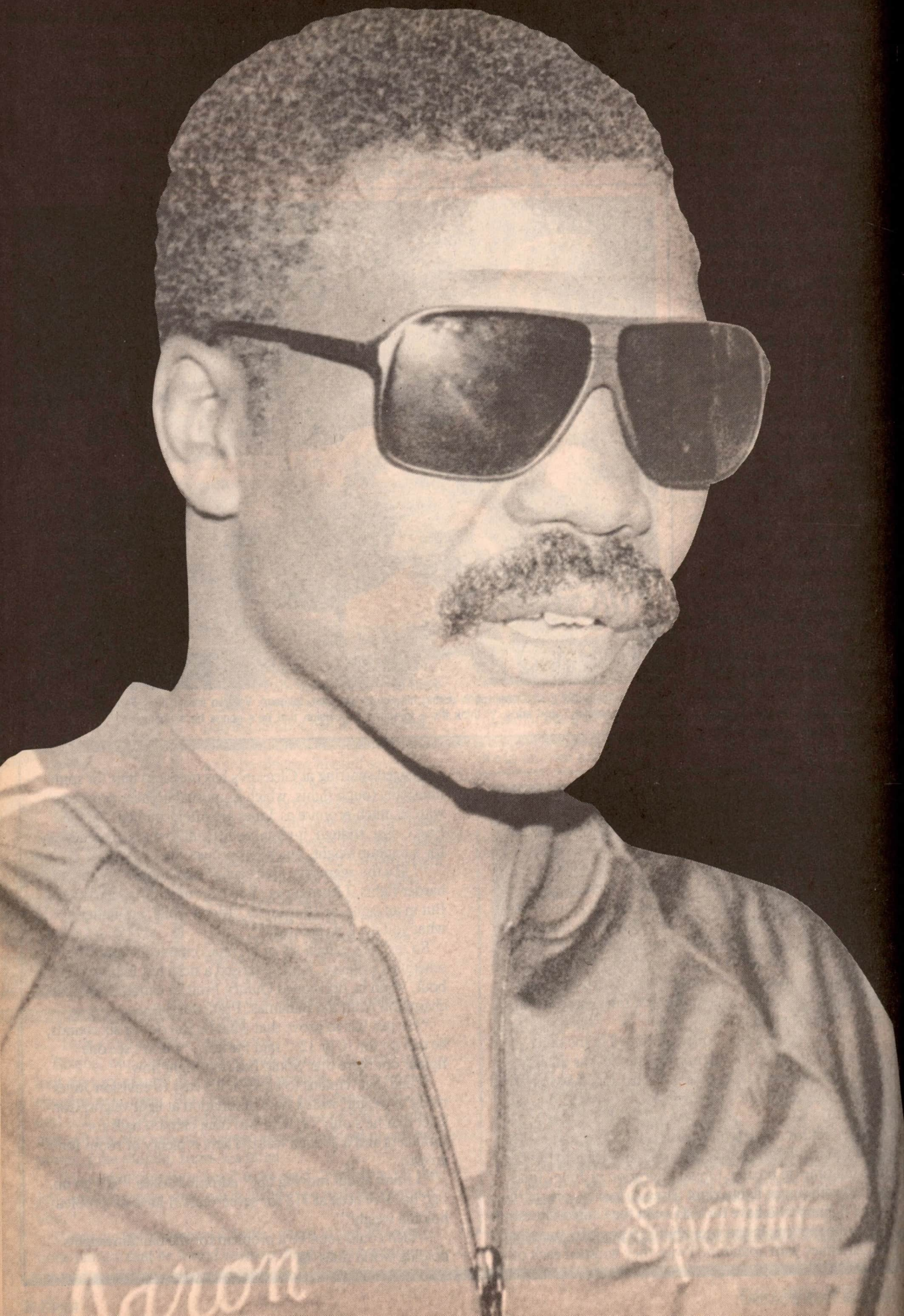
So far, he's caught six of his nine opponents inside the scheduled distance. And he passed a stern test in his second bout, when he decisioned Quincy Pratt, a national amateur champion from the Bahamas. Pratt was 5-0.

"He just has to prove that what he can do for six rounds, he can do for 10 or 12," said Fariello. "I don't see one fighter out there that would beat him right now."

While that remains to be seen, it's easy to envision Jones rising in weight, with a final destination at lightweight. Consider that he's only 19, with two mini-cannon balls for shoulders and a 28-inch waist. There is plenty of room for growth.

"I think about moving up," admitted Jones. "If I go up, I go up. I've been at 118 for seven years. I have no problem holding weight."

Which could soon be a problem for the bantamweights holding world titles. ■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DARK SHADOWS

THE COMEBACK OF AARON PRYOR

"Forward!"—the official motto of the State of Wisconsin

By P.N. Ehrmann

Harlan Zea was a Wisconsin promoter in the wild old days, and when he matched Stanley Ketchel and Billy Papke in Milwaukee in 1906, he put a character called Blink McCloskey in the semi-windup. Several days before the fight, McCloskey came to Zea with a hand over his left eye, and when the fighter removed the hand, Zea saw that the eye socket was empty. Blink had a glass left eye; it had fallen out and he had stepped on it. Zea was aghast, having been unaware that McCloskey was a one-eyed fighter. He gave Blink $5 for a new glass eye and found himself a new semi-windup.

Diana Lewis is a Wisconsin boxing promoter in the wild new days, and when she signed Aaron Pryor to fight in Madison on May 16, after Nevada, New York, New Jersey, and California had banned him because the former junior welterweight champion is legally blind in his left eye, her explanation was, "If he's blind in one eye, he's still got another eye."

So much for moving forward, and for the reputation of a state that once was looked to as a model in boxing, thanks to scrupulous supervision and standards. All that went out the window in the loony soap opera that gripped the boxing world in mid-May. The main cast of characters included the pathetic Pryor, 34, who lost his title, money, and health six years ago to cocaine; Lewis, 45, a self-styled sports agent who had never promoted a fight before, and happily—and superfluously—advertised the fact that "ignorance guides me"; and the Wisconsin Department of Licensing and Regulation (DLR).

Promoter Diana Lewis, whose promotion of Aaron Pryor brought the state of Wisconsin into the boxing spotlight. "If he's blind in one eye," Lewis said of Pryor, "he's still got another eye."

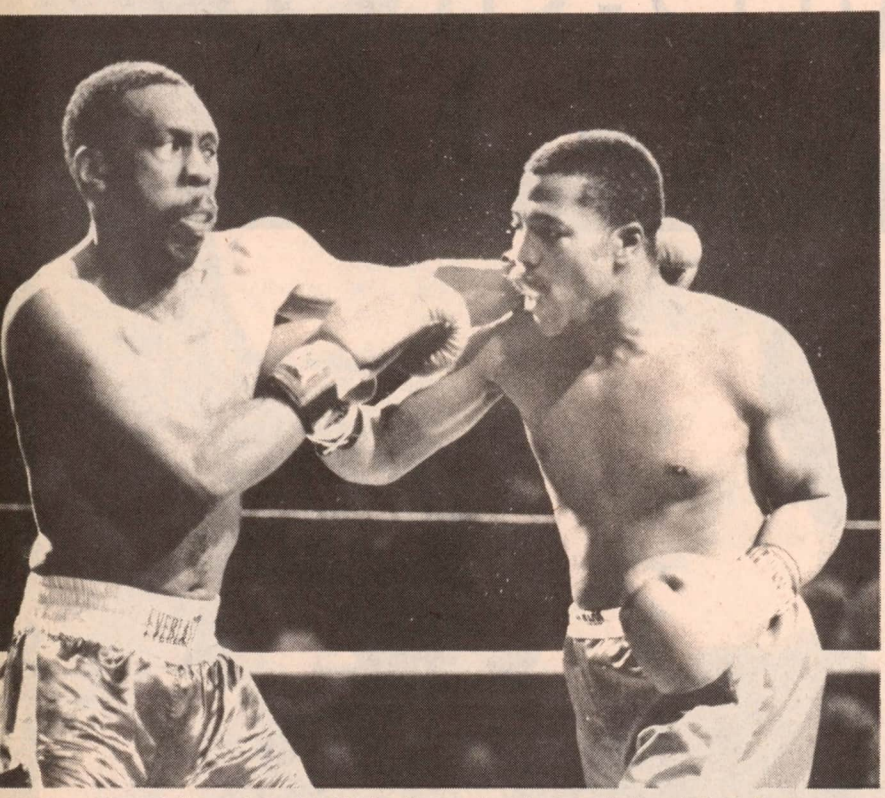
In the '80s, Pryor was a brilliant fighter whose epic first battle with Alexis Arguello, won by Pryor, was named Fight of the Decade by *The Ring*. But then cocaine brought the champion down hard, and he didn't box from mid-1984 until August 1987. His first comeback effort resulted in his first career loss (after 37 victories), as Bobby Joe Young stopped Pryor in seven rounds. More than a year later, Pryor beat Herminio Morales. After that, however, his boxing career was believed to be finished following the disclosure that he was suffering from both a detached retina and a cataract. After the New York State Athletic Commission suspended him on January 26, 1989, following an adverse medical report, Pryor had surgery on the eye. But according to a commission spokesman, he has since been instructed four times to have his vision exam-

ined by commission doctors as a prerequisite for getting back his license to box, and has refused to do so.

Earlier this year, Pryor went to New Jersey and Nevada in hopes of fighting Hector Camacho, but was turned down in both states because of the condition of his left eye.

Enter Lewis, one of whose major successes as a sports agent was getting a one-time cowchip-throwing champ a tryout with the New York Jets. In April, she met Pryor in Detroit and new trainer.

When word got out that Pryor was going to fight in Madison, questions about his physical condition started to flood the DLR, which oversees about 40 occupations and activities in Wisconsin, including barbers, chiropractors, funeral directors, hearing aid dealers, and private eyes. Since 1980, when the Wisconsin Athletic Commission was eliminated by state budget cutters, the DLR has also been in charge of overseeing boxing promotions in the Badger State. After its decision to allow Pryor to fight, candidates for hearing aids or funeral homes might have thought about shopping in Minnesota.



Pryor, who scaled an unbecoming 154 for his comeback bout, easily kayoed Daryl Jones, a natural bantamweight who had previously worked as one of "The Hawk's" sparring partners.

decided that he was just the instrument with which to set into motion her latest brainstorm—to make Madison "the boxing town it used to be." So she brought Pryor to Madison, started him training in the basement of her home, and announced that he would fight a scheduled eight-round bout on May 16, at the Masonic Temple, just down the block from the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Ignorance wasn't her only guide. She also had Stan Johnson, her live-in boyfriend and a convicted armed robber, who, as a heavyweight boxer from 1980 to 1988, compiled a scintillating record of 2-23, with 18 of his losses coming by first-round kayo. After retiring from "combat," he went into the entrepreneurial end of the fight game, managing and booking boxers under a dazzling array of aliases. According to Lewis, Johnson was Pryor's

On May 7, DLR Secretary Marlene Cummings announced that in spite of the former champion's vision problem in his left eye—confirmed by a Madison opthalmologist who said Pryor had "about 25 percent to 35 percent vision" in it—he would be allowed to fight in Madison, because to bar him would constitute discrimination against the handicapped.

"Handicapped people," said Cummings, "should not be penalized for their handicaps. They should be allowed to do the same thing non-handicapped people can do."

Reaction was swift and incredulous, and suddenly Wisconsin was in the national boxing spotlight it hadn't occupied for 70 years.

- "A Fight That Shouldn't Be," editorialized *Sports Illustrated.*
- "If you go into the ring with one eye, you'd better be prepared to get a guide dog," said Don Muse of the California State Athletic Commission.
- "It's ludicrous," said Nevada boxing commissioner Chuck Minker. "If he has one arm, he's handicapped; but would you allow him to fight? We're talking about boxing. Doesn't health and safety supersede discrimination in this case? This defies logic."
- New York boxing commission chairman Randy Gordon appealed to Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson "for a stay of execution for Aaron Pryor."
- Several members of the Wisconsin Legislature, concerned that the situation "must surely be making Wisconsin the laughingstock of the nation," also appealed to Thompson to stop the fight.

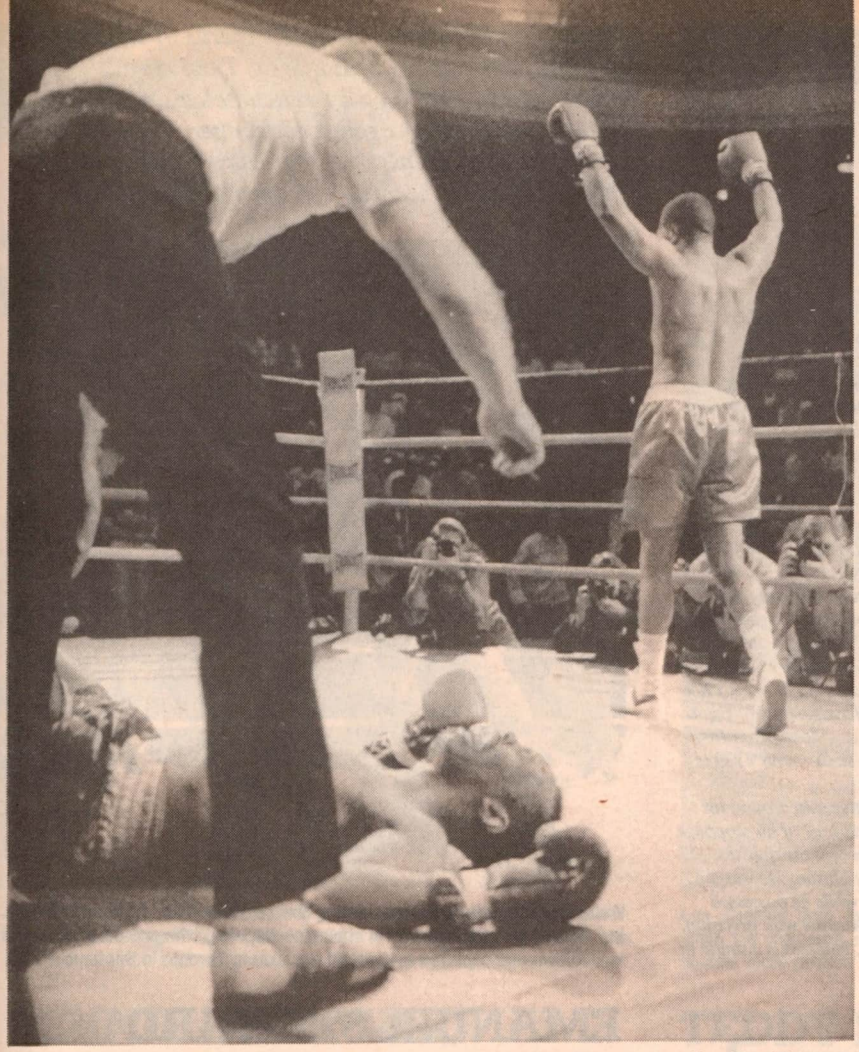
He didn't, but the governor did order another eye exam, and on May 12 the boxer was cleared by a Madison doctor who noted an "increased chance" of further damage to Pryor's left eye and advised him to have his retinas checked after boxing. Meanwhile, Dr. David Smith, consulting opthalmologist to the New Jersey boxing commission, who examined Pryor in February, explained why "The Hawk" wouldn't be fighting in the Garden State.

"His eye has major damage," Smith told the Associated Press. "All the gel has been removed from the eye. This is more than a detachment. This is an eye without a focusing lens. He can't even see the big E [on an eye chart] without corrective lenses."

For his part, Pryor signed a waiver stipulating that he was fully aware "that because of poor vision, I could receive strong blows to my head and suffer head and brain damage. I could even be killed. In spite of the great risk to my health and safety, I want to box." If anything happened to him, the State of Wisconsin would not be legally liable.

But Lewis saw only glorious possibilities. "I tell people to throw caution to the wind and go for it," she said. "I had a sister who was a paraplegic in a wheelchair. Now she walks with a cane."

The day before the fight, the *New York Daily News* reported that Pryor's announced opponent, Daryl Jones, whose record had been given by Lewis as 26-4, was actually Jerry Strickland,



Jones crashed in three rounds, the final knockdown coming after Pryor landed a pillow-like right cross. Pryor wants to fight on; as we went to press, he was seeking a bout in Winnipeg, Canada.

a Midwesterner who "under his own name and other aliases . . . has an 11-74 record with 38 knockout losses." This was vehemently denied by Lewis, but when the alleged Daryl Jones appeared at a press conference, he was not the man pictured on boxing posters all over Madison. Lewis had an explanation for that: It was late when she put the poster together, and she cut out a photo of a fighter from *The Ring* who looked like Jones. Asked to produce some identification at the press conference, Jones said he didn't have any and had never had such a demand made of him. Whoever and wherever Daryl Jones was, a check of the record book showed that he hadn't fought in at least two years and had an actual record of 13-11. And once he had been employed as a sparring partner for Aaron Pryor.

But all that was nothing next to the goings-on the day of the fight. On the morning of May 16, about eight hours before the card was to begin, the DLR announced that it would not grant a permit for the show because Lewis had not met the requirement that boxing promoters be incorporated 30 days before a card. She had only gotten around to that detail the afternoon before, contrary to a sworn statement she had made half-a-year earlier. "Legal misrepresentation," said the DLR.

"Abuse of discretion," overruled Judge John Alghrimm, reinstating the fight at about 6 p.m., after Lewis filed an injunction against the state and testified that "it would probably totally ruin me" financially if the fight were called off. Earlier at her home, she had told reporters, "I don't think about money at all. Sure, I would lose money [if the fight were cancelled], but I don't know. I just always can get money. Can't everyone?"

And so at about 11:30 that night, after Jerry Strickland had appeared in a preliminary and vouched for his identity by getting counted out after 48 seconds of the first round, Pryor finally entered the ring before about 300 spectators and a large press row, and made mean faces at the alleged Daryl Jones before the bell summoned him to his first ring action in two years. He weighed 154 pounds and looked very sluggish in the first round. Jones, 148, was more energetic and landed the first punch, a left hook to Pryor's head. Pryor mugged and swung wildly several times in losing the round.

But between rounds, the air seemed to go out of the former sparring partner with a noticeable whoosh, and in the second he was the sluggish one. He went down twice, and the action was so stirring that the crowd chanted "Boring! Boring!" between knockdowns. In the third, Pryor knocked Jones down again, and the fight ended at 1:15 of the round, with most in press row still uncertain about what had caused Jones' downfall.

In his dressing room, Pryor announced that he was back on the championship path and said, "He hit me a couple of times in the eye and I didn't like it. I'm going to have to cover myself up more next time."

Two days later, the *Madison Capitol Times*, the city's oldest newspaper, made its first editorial comment on the whole production: "Rather than become embroiled in more of these stupid and time-wasting controversies, why don't we just do away with boxing in the state altogether?"

The Milwaukee Journal, the largest paper in Wisconsin, suggested that at the very least, boxers should not be permitted to hit each other above the collarbone.

Pryor rejoiced after his win. But at age 34, and after a lengthy battle with cocaine, he's unlikely to regain the skills that once made him a champion.

But perhaps the most alarming prospect of all was raised by Lewis, who told reporters: "I plan on being Wisconsin boxing." Then she said she was trying to reach Mark Gastineau, the former New York Jet who wants to be a boxer but would probably make a better cowchip thrower. ■

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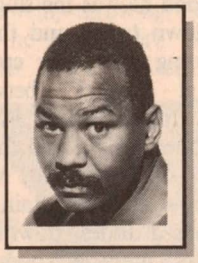
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

WELTERWEIGHTS

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

Jose Napoles

Santiago, Cuba
1958-1975
77-7 with 54 kayos



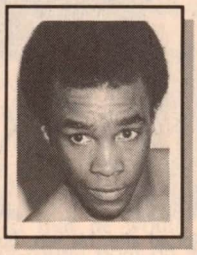
Perhaps Napoles' greatest legacy is that he is among the most popular fighters in Mexican history. What makes that fact astonishing is that Napoles was born in Cuba, and didn't relocate to Mexico until 1961.

It has been argued that Napoles, nicknamed "Mantequilla" (butter) because of his smooth style, peaked in the early-'60s, when he was chopping down the best lightweights and junior welterweights Mexico had to offer. But he'll be best remembered as a dominant world welterweight champion. Napoles captured the crown with a 13th-round stoppage of Curtis Cokes in April 1969, and made a total of 13 successful defenses over two reigns. He retired at age 35—some say he was at least 40—after losing the crown to John Stracey via sixth-round TKO in December 1975.

Napoles' only weakness was sensitive skin around his eyes, which at least indirectly led to all four of his stoppage losses. In his favor was his speed—he was the quickest 147-pound champion since Sugar Ray Robinson. He was a sharpshooting counterpuncher, and while he possessed kayo power in both fists, his hook, wielded with precision, was his outstanding weapon. Today, Napoles is a singer in a band based in Mexico City.

Sugar Ray Leonard

Wilmington, South Carolina
1977-present
36-1-1 with 25 kayos



Like Dempsey and Louis before him, Leonard was a fighter for his time. Exploding onto the international stage with a gold medal-winning performance at the 1976 Olympics, Leonard was carefully—and brilliantly—marketed. His success marked the beginning of million-dollar purses for non-heavyweights, and superfights against Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns, and Marvin Hagler ultimately made him the highest-paid fighter in history.

Those who focus on Leonard's image and checkbook tend to overlook his remarkable record. He won his first world title in November 1979 with a 15th-round stoppage of Wilfred Benitez. Seven months later, he suffered his only career defeat, losing gallantly to Roberto Duran. But Leonard won the infamous "no mas" rematch, and then, in September 1981, roared back from a points deficit to knock out undefeated co-champion Hearns.

In 1982, Leonard retired following surgery to repair a detached retina. There have been several comebacks and retirements since. In 1987, Sugar Ray returned to upset middleweight king Marvin Hagler. He has since become the first fighter to win titles in five different divisions.

His speed, power, and courage suggest a fighter for all times.

Welterweight Clyde Gray was among the best Canadian fighters in history, but he was no match for world champion Napoles, who scored a fifth-round knockdown and captured a 15-round decision in Toronto in September 1973.

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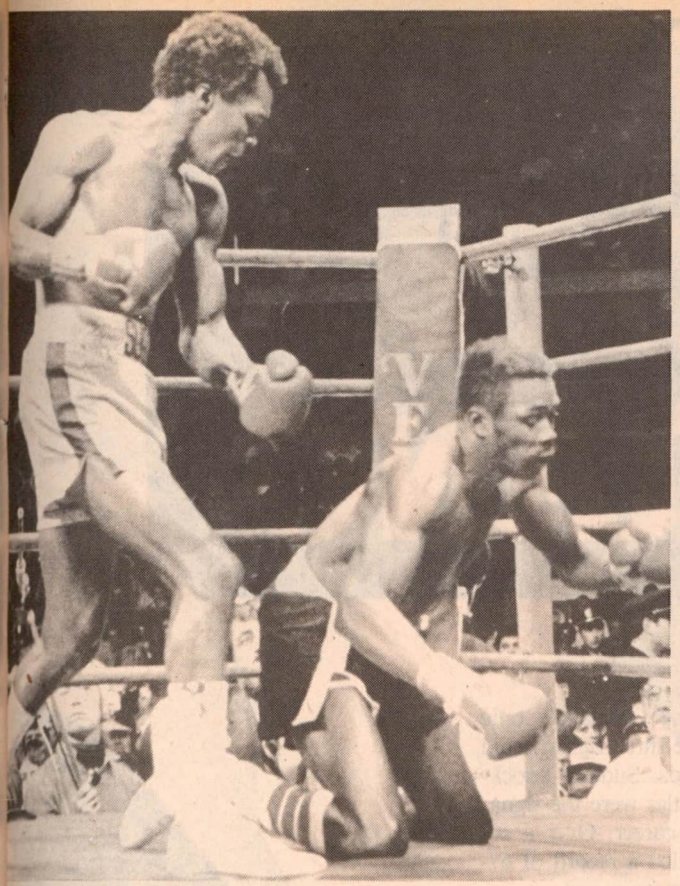
They're two extremely together fighters. Leonard would utilize his speed, moving in and out. Napoles would put on a lot of pressure. He would concentrate on cutting off the ring, and work on the body and the head. He was good at both. He would calmly look for opportunities.

This matchup reminds me of Napoles' first fight with Hedgemon Lewis. Lewis was a flashy fighter, and I thought he was leading going into the late rounds. But Napoles beat Lewis by winning the last few rounds. Lewis was very flashy, but he didn't have Leonard's strength.

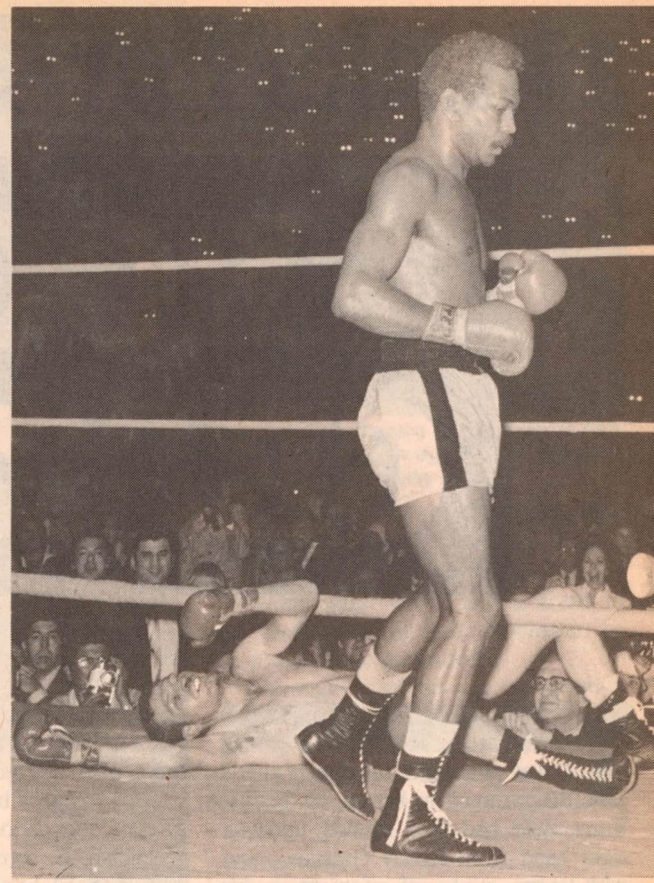
It would be a good fight. Napoles had good power. He could hurt fighters with either hand, and had a very good left hook to the body. It wouldn't be one-sided by any means. But Napoles didn't fight too many guys with speed. I see this fight going the same way Leonard's fight with Benitez did. Leonard is a couple of inches taller than Napoles, and Ray has never had trouble against shorter opponents.

Leonard is a strong finisher. He's always in great shape, and finishes strong, especially against top opposition. He proved that against Benitez, Hagler, both Hearns fights, and even his loss to Duran. As good as Napoles was, I don't think he would have been able to handle the combination of Leonard's speed and power. Leonard by decision.

Emanuel Steward, the leader of the famed Kronk gym, is the manager and trainer of Thomas Hearns.



As a welterweight, Leonard combined startling speed and underrated power. In March 1981, Sugar Ray demolished Denver clubfighter Larry Bonds, who was floored twice and stopped in the 10th round in Syracuse.

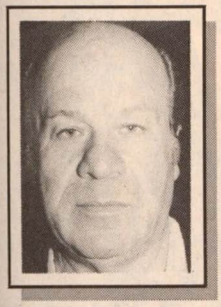


Los Angeles fight fans witnessed the destructiveness of Napoles' hook when the champion scored knockdowns in the first, ninth, and 15th rounds against local favorite Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez in February 1970.

BENNIE GEORGINO

It's an interesting fight. Both men were very determined fighters who usually controlled the tempo, and both were always in shape.

Napoles would apply pressure. He would attack from all angles and throw combinations. He would have to keep pressure on Leonard the entire fight. I don't think he could stand back and try to outbox Leonard; he wasn't big enough to do that. Napoles boxed flat-footed, always walking forward.



I thought Napoles was a much better fighter as a lightweight, one of the best I'd seen in years. He had good power as a welterweight, but didn't have the speed to stay with someone like Leonard. When he became champion, he was tapering off. There were no real fast-moving fighters then.

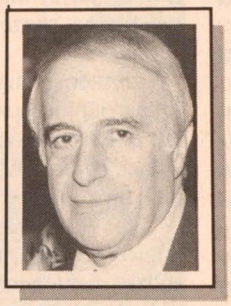
Leonard was a little too fast for Napoles. His combination of speed and power at welterweight was the best in years. Leonard would stick and move the entire fight. He'd pick his spots and try to confuse Napoles, and in the process, wear Jose down.

The fight would be won in the late rounds. As a welter, Leonard was bigger and stronger. Put that together with his hand and foot speed and he's hard to beat. Leonard by decision or late-round TKO due to cuts.

Bennie Georgino is a veteran West Coast manager and trainer who has guided several world champions.

TEDDY BRENNER

It would be a classic matchup of great boxers. I see a very good fight. Both guys could go 15 rounds. They had similar qualities. Napoles in his prime could do everything Leonard could do, and possibly punch harder.



Napoles had tremedous concentration. He wouldn't be bothered by any of Leonard's showboating antics. Napoles was a very determined fighter. Leonard might have been faster, and he had that long reach, but remember, Duran got to Leonard in their first fight. Outjabbed him, too.

It would be like a chess match, with Napoles moving right along with Ray. The Leonard who won the welterweight title was not as good as the one who beat Hagler. He became a much better fighter after he made his comeback.

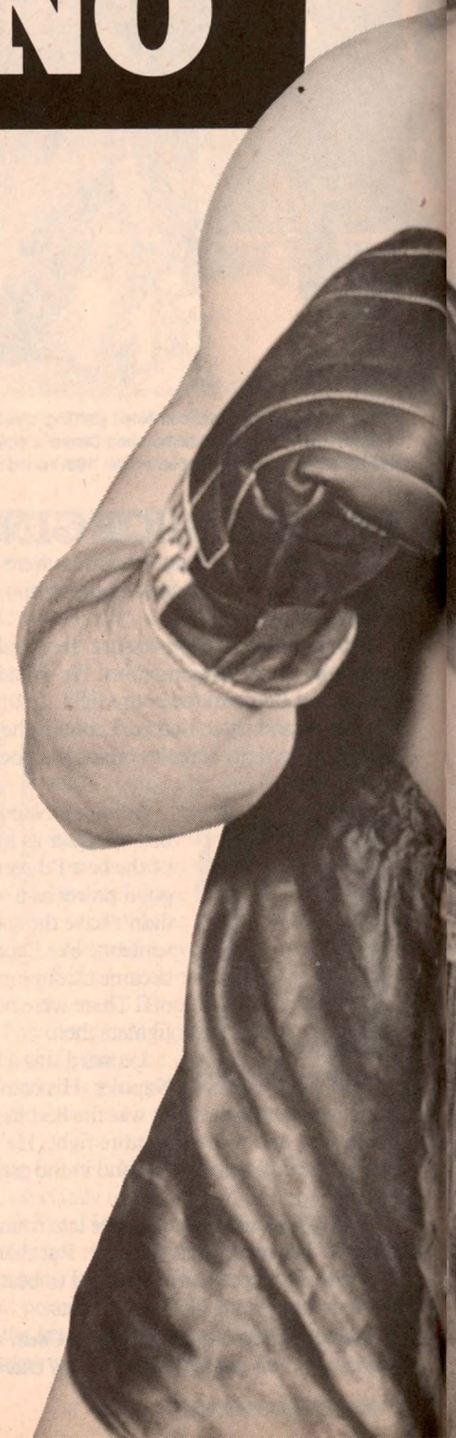
At welterweight, Napoles was more mature, mentally and physically, and he fought tougher opposition. He had a great assortment of punches, including an excellent left hook. He would attack Leonard from all angles. He was very good at counterpunching. The best counterpuncher Leonard fought was Wilfred Benitez, and he had a tough time. Napoles was faster and had more firepower than Wilfred.

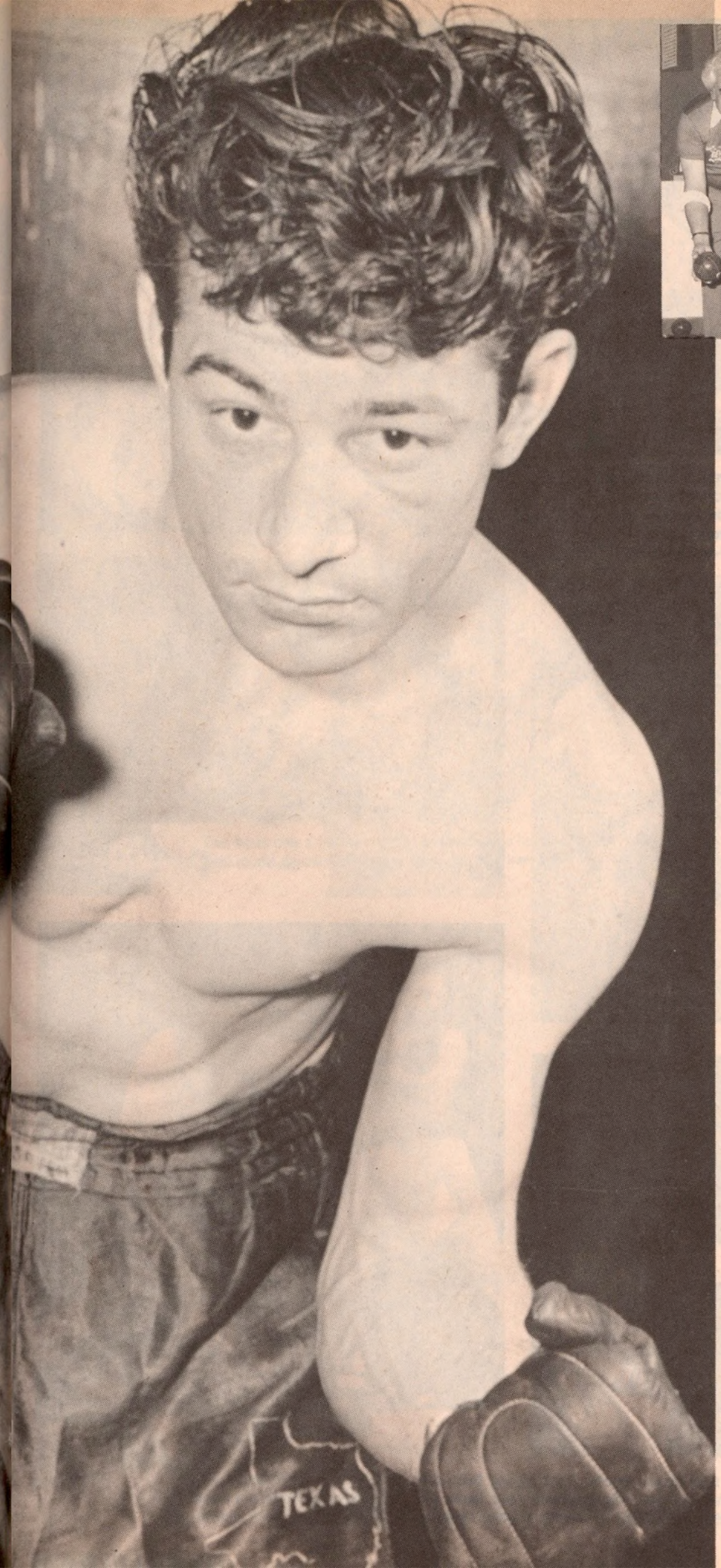
It would be a very close fight. The officials would give it to Napoles.

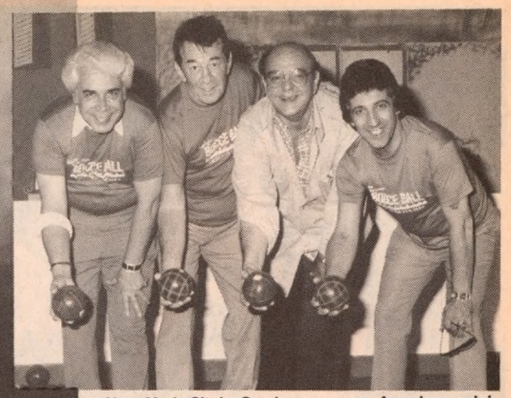
Teddy Brenner is considered to be one of the greatest matchmakers in boxing history.

Thanks For The Memories

ROCKY GRAZIANO







New York City's Graziano was an American original as a feared middleweight bomber (left) and a ubiquitous media celebrity (above).

By Robert Cassidy

It was the kind of punch that's diagrammed in boxing textbooks. Tony Zale had just slipped under a right hand from Rocky Graziano, and with every ounce of momentum his 158 pounds could generate, he uncoiled with a quick, compact left hook. When the punch exploded on Graziano's chin, he crashed to the canvas like he'd been shot by a cannon. In 1990, the fight would have been stopped. But this was 1948, and when Graziano somehow managed to stand up, Zale was given an opportunity to crush the Rock into tiny pebbles.

As Zale inched forward, Graziano wobbled in front of him. Physically, he was in the same ring as Zale, but Graziano's mind was in a foreign dimension. Just before Zale was to knock him out, Graziano, out of instinct, wound up and threw a left. The punch was too slow and too weak to deter Zale. But that was all Graziano knew—to keep fighting. And we can presume that until his heart failed him on May 22, Rocky Graziano was still fighting.

Born Thomas Rocco Barbella on New Year's Day in 1922, Graziano was a juvenile offender who fought his way off the turbulant streets of Manhattan's Lower East Side to the pinnacle of boxing—a world title. With his passing, he left us with a treasure of priceless memories from both inside the ring and out.

Graziano won the middleweight crown by knocking out Zale in 1947. It was the second bout of their vicious three-fight series, and Graziano's only victory. None of the three fights lasted more than six rounds. Sudden knockouts and violent battles were the signatures of Graziano's career. Over a 10-year span, he compiled a record of 67-10-6 with 52 knockouts.

In the first chapter of his biography *Somebody Up There Likes Me,* which was later made into a critically acclaimed movie starring Paul Newman, Graziano described his thoughts on the eve of the final fight of his 83-bout career, a third-round knockout loss to Sugar Ray Robinson: *"This guy I got to kill, kill in the old way they taught me in the shadows of the East Side streets."*

Graziano fought with a tenacity found only in boxing's fiercest competitors. He was not a boxer; Graziano was a *fighter*. And he was never in a dull fight.

"The thing that I remember was the unpredictability of his fights," said legendary fight announcer Don Dunphy. "He could be losing, and then a right hand to the jaw would change things completely. Graziano was a great attraction. He often had to fight outdoors because the Garden couldn't hold the crowds."

In fact, when Graziano trained at New York's Stillman's Gym, Lou Stillman would double the price of admission on days the Rock sparred. The attraction, of course, was Graziano's right hand.

When Graziano described himself "like a pistol, loaded and cocked," he was referring to that lethal right. It was the power produced by that punch that resulted in knockouts over Zale, Billy Arnold, Charley Fusari, Tony Janiro, and welterweight champions Freddie Cochrane and Marty Servo. Even in his finale with the great Robinson, he scored a flash knockdown.

Although Graziano was an extremely popular fighter, it wasn't until after his career that he became a true celebrity. He appeared regularly on Martha Raye's TV show in the 1950s, and was later a spokesman in numerous TV commercials. Hardly speaking the King's English, Graziano talked like the dead-end kid that he was, straight off the streets of the Lower East Side. He once told the eloquent Dunphy, "If I could talk like you, I'd be broke." All the "dems" and "dose" contributed to creating a charming personality.

"For all his roughness and the way he grew up on the streets, deep down he was a gentle person," said Dunphy. "He really liked people and people liked him."

Graziano's special talent was making people smile. His closest friend, Jake LaMotta, who won the middleweight title in 1949, had plenty to smile about when he reflected on times spent with Graziano.

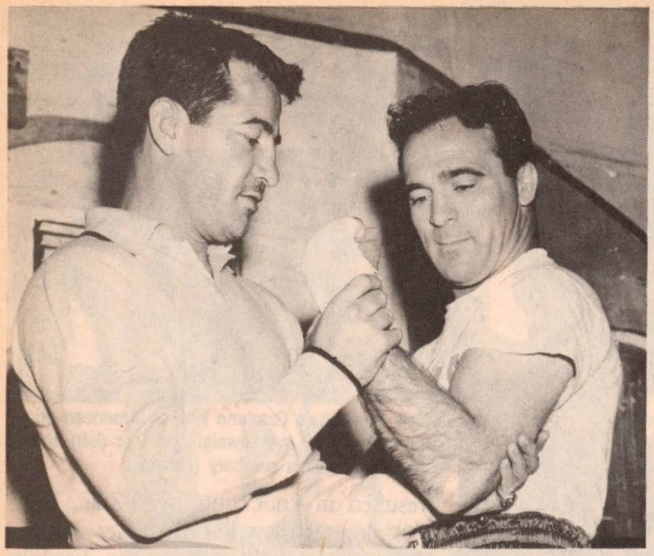
One story ranks as LaMotta's favorite. After a night on the town, the two former champions woke up, hung over, on a sidewalk in New York City. LaMotta nudged Graziano, looked up, and asked, "Hey Rock, is that the sun or the moon?"

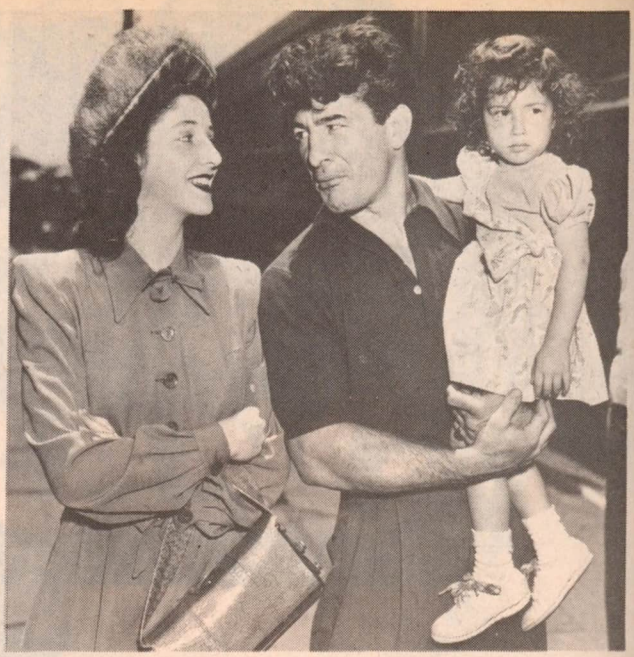
"I don't know," replied Graziano, "I'm not from this neighborhood."

In the past year, when Graziano suffered a stroke and a heart attack, LaMotta could often be found at his bedside. But that's not the man that he, or anybody else that came in contact with Graziano, chose to remember.

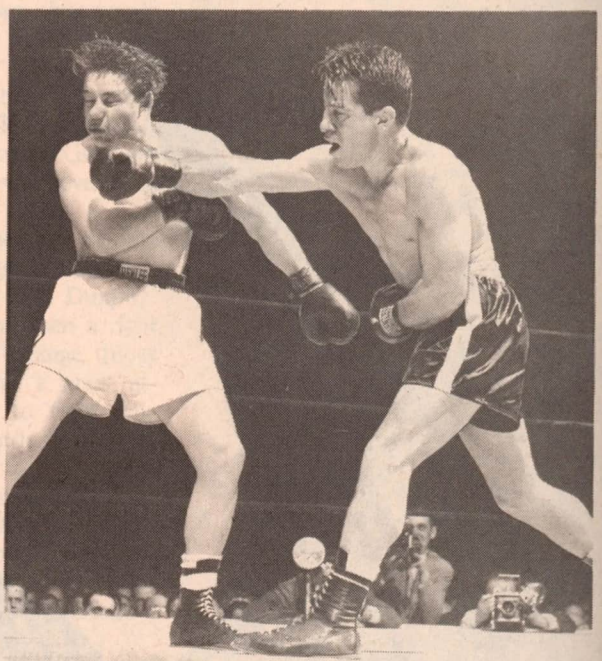
"You got a good feeling being around Rocky," said LaMotta.

A feeling that we will miss dearly.



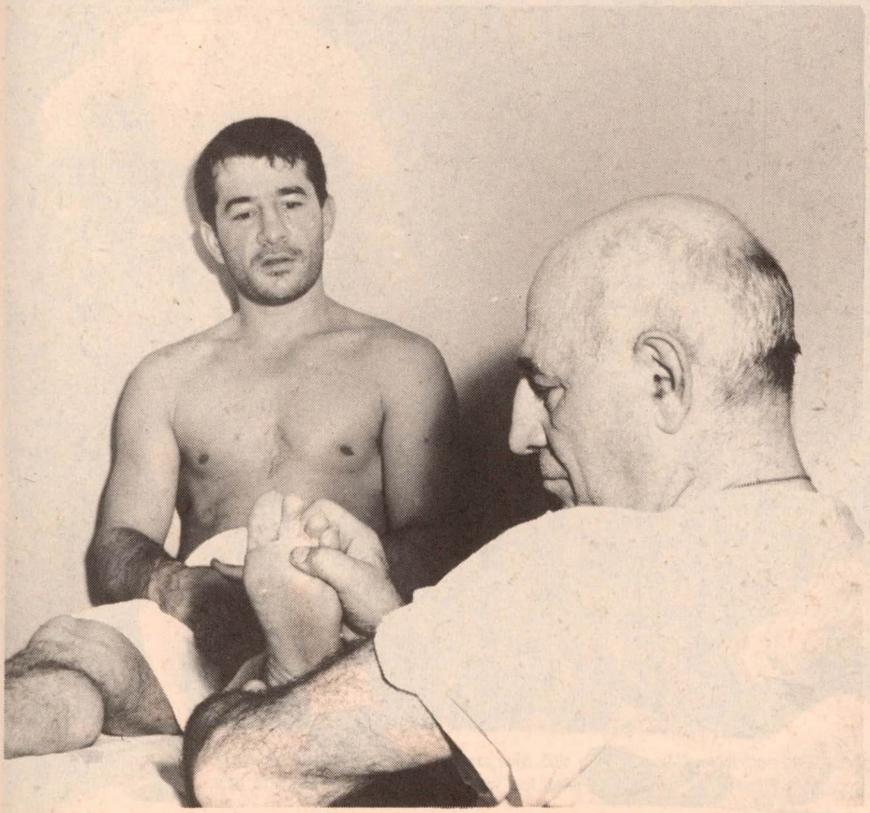


Graziano at the training camp of middleweight champion Marcel Cerdan in September 1949 (above). Cerdan had dethroned Graziano's archrival, Tony Zale, one year earlier. Wife Norma and daughter Audrey own a piece of The Rock (right). In a critical pre-title test, Graziano brawls with Billy Arnold in March 1945 (below). Graziano scored an upset third-round kayo.

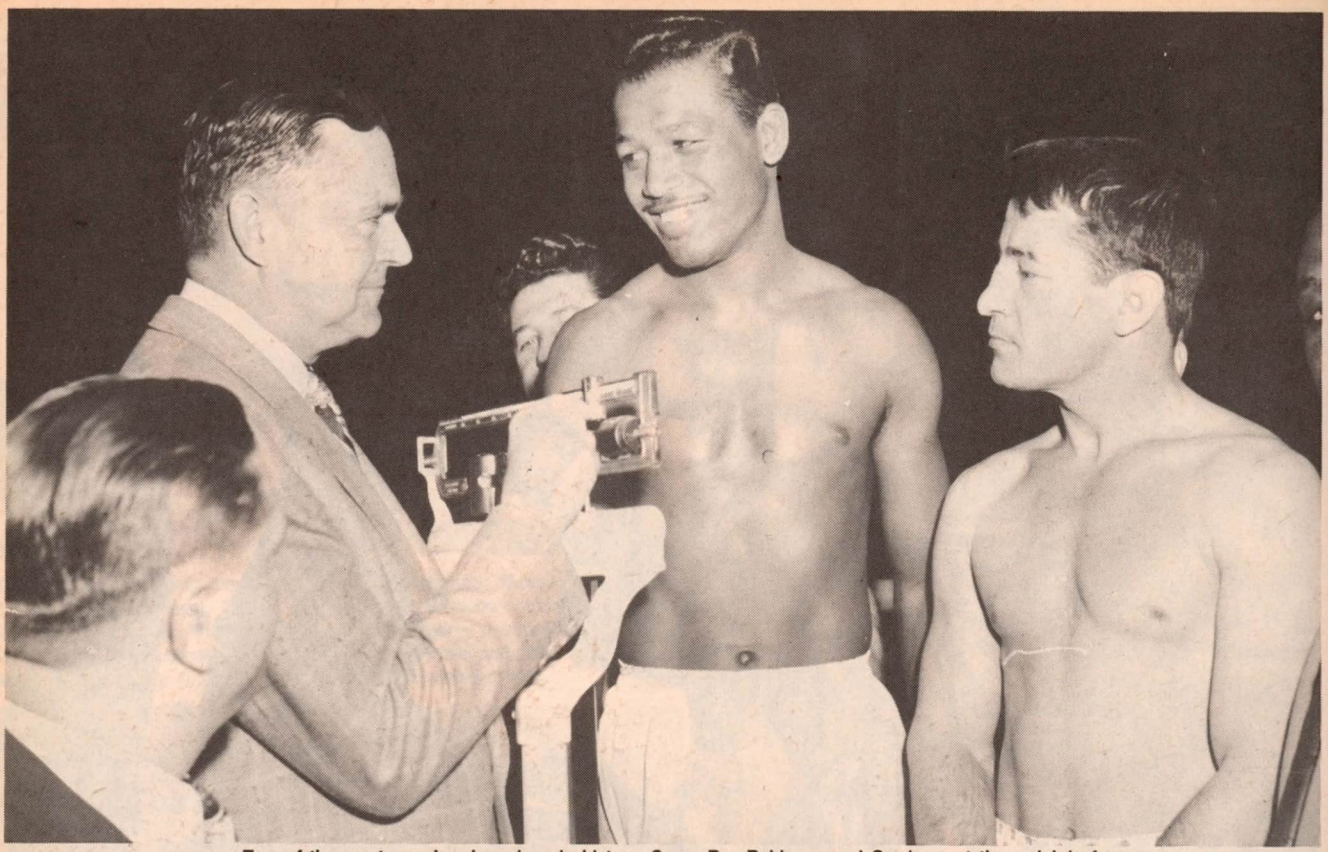


Graziano's destructive right misses Charlie Fusari during their clash in September 1949 (above left). Graziano scored a 10th-round TKO. The Rock and Tony Janiro with omnipotent promoter Jim Norris before their October 1950 rematch (above, middle), in which Graziano took a 10-round decision (above).

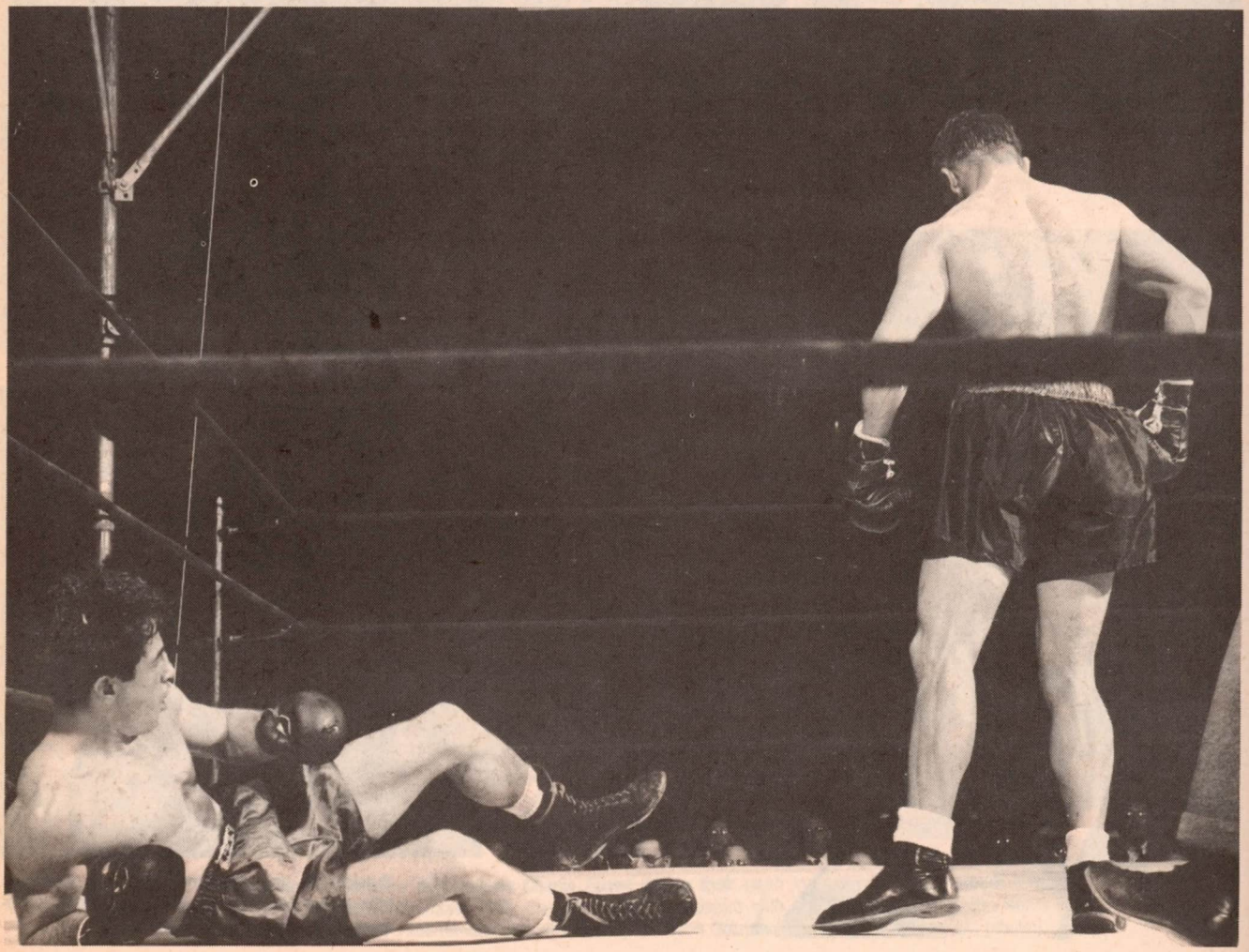
Two faces only a trainer could love: Graziano is hugged by a battered Sonny Horne after Rocky captured a 10-round decision. Graziano faced Horne three times and scored three points victories.



Outside the ring, Graziano wasn't so ferocious. With trainer Harry Lenny (left), and during a moment of introspection (above).



Two of the most popular champions in history, Sugar Ray Robinson and Graziano, at the weigh-in for their April 1952 title fight (above). Zale-Graziano I (below): The Rock is finished in round six.



Graziano's greatest moment came in his second brawl with Zale, when he scored a sixth-round kayo to take the middleweight crown (above). In their third fight, Zale won back the title with a third-round kayo (above left). The three-fight series was the most savage in ring history.

Graziano's later years: He clowns with Zale during a 1973 exhibition at Madison Square Garden (middle), and absorbs a smooch from best pal Jake LaMotta at an Atlantic City roast in 1985 (above).

Compiled By Stanley Weston

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I'LL RETIRE FOR YOU, MOM

(January 1925)

Benny Leonard was only 28 years old. Generally regarded as unbeatable, he had reigned as lightweight champion since 1917, and still no challenger in sight rated better than a 25-1 chance of defeating him. But Benny's doting Jewish mother, who had always vehemently opposed his being a fighter, gave her famous son an ultimatum: "Stop this prize fighting or don't see me anymore." The champion's decision was a foregone conclusion; he announced his retirement. And he kept his promise for the next seven years. But in the fall of 1931, at age 35, a desperate need for money forced a comeback. He won 21 bouts and drew once, until October 7, 1932, when Jimmy McLarnin finally ended the Benny Leonard Legend with a six-round knockout of the greatest lightweight who ever lived.

CAMP FOLLOWER

(May 27, 1934)

World heavyweight champion Primo Carnera finishes an eight-mile jog alongside the custom-made portable training camp designed and built for him by aviation pioneer Glenn Curtis. The $10,000 van contained four beds, a rubbing table, galley, radio, ice box, and running water. Primo's personal chef, Joe de Grande, who had also worked for Max Schmeling, exchanges waves with the champ as trainer Bill de Foe trots alongside. Unfortunately, the mobile camp couldn't help Carnera two weeks later, when Max Baer knocked him out, making the Italian giant an ex-champion.

SOUP'S ON

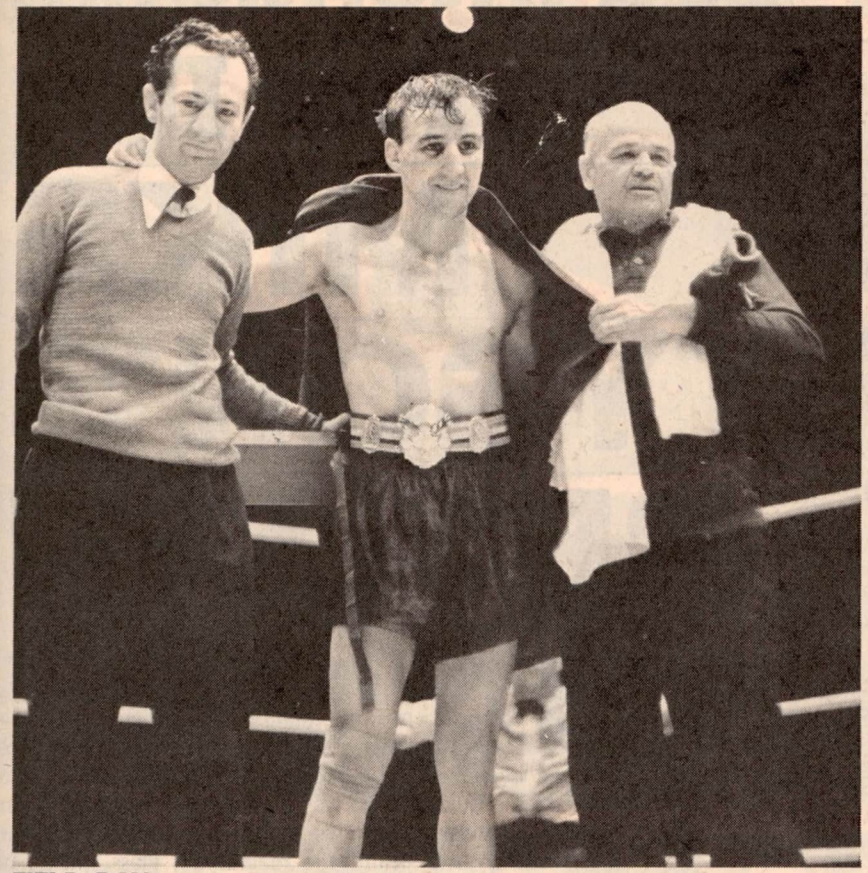
(August 10, 1937)

Joe Louis never could resist a late-evening snack. And since weight was never a problem during the "Brown Bomber's" prime years, his trainers turned their heads when Joe thought he was fooling them by sneaking down to the kitchen after lights out. But one night at his Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, training camp, where the heavyweight champion was preparing for his first title defense, against Tommy Farr, an enterprising photographer lay in waiting to capture this picture of Joe sneaking a taste of his chef's irresistible stock pot.

BRITISH BULLDOGS

(June 2, 1949)

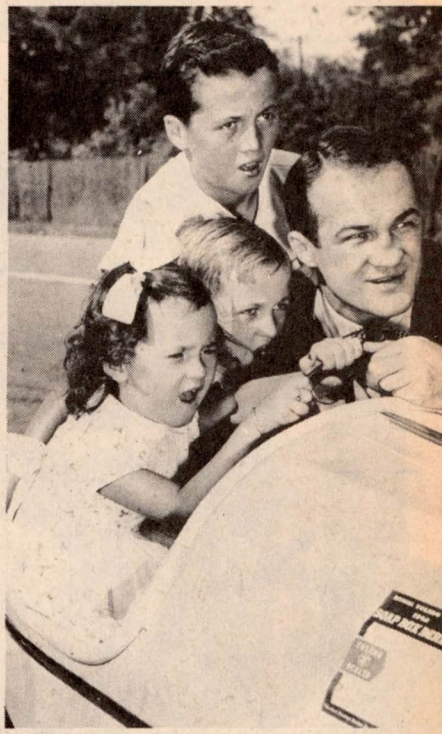
When it comes to enthusiasm, no boxing fans in the world surpass the British. They inevitably reward fighters who pour their hearts out in quest of victory, as they did this night at London's White City Stadium when Bruce Woodcock (left) defended the European and British Empire heavyweight crowns against idolized world light heavyweight champion Freddie Mills. When the lion-hearted Mills, who gave away every physical advantage to his ponderous foe, was finally subdued in the 14th round, the huge crowd exploded in tribute to their gallant, beaten idol, thus ending one of the most memorable prize fights in the history of British boxing.



FIELD DAY

(January 28, 1932)

Chicago-born Jackie Fields thrilled the hometown crowd at Chicago Stadium by outpointing tough Lou Brouillard to regain the world welterweight crown he had lost two years before to Young Jack Thompson. The championship belt Fields wears around his waist is one of the first belts awarded by *The Ring* magazine. In his nine-year career, Jackie lost only nine of 86 bouts.



FRITZIE'S KIDS

(July 29, 1946)

By reputation, Fritzie Zivic would do anything to win a fight: gouge, butt, backhand, rabbit punch, even kick. But when with his family, the world welterweight champion was gentle as a mother hen. On this hot summer day at Pittsburgh's North Park, Fritzie entered his kids in the soap box derby. Left to right: Janis, 4, Charles, 6, and number-one son Fritzie Jr., 13. Incidentally, today Fritzie Jr. owns and operates one of Connecticut's most historic inns.

MIDGET COMES HOME

(November 21, 1933)

World flyweight champion Midget Wolgast arrives in New York from Europe, where he defeated England's Jackie Brown and drew with France's Valentin Angelmann. Although scheduled for three more bouts on the Continent, the champ cut short his tour and returned home. "I couldn't stand another day over there," Wolgast told reporters. "The weather gave me a cold I couldn't kick and the food made me sick. It's great to be back in the good old USA."

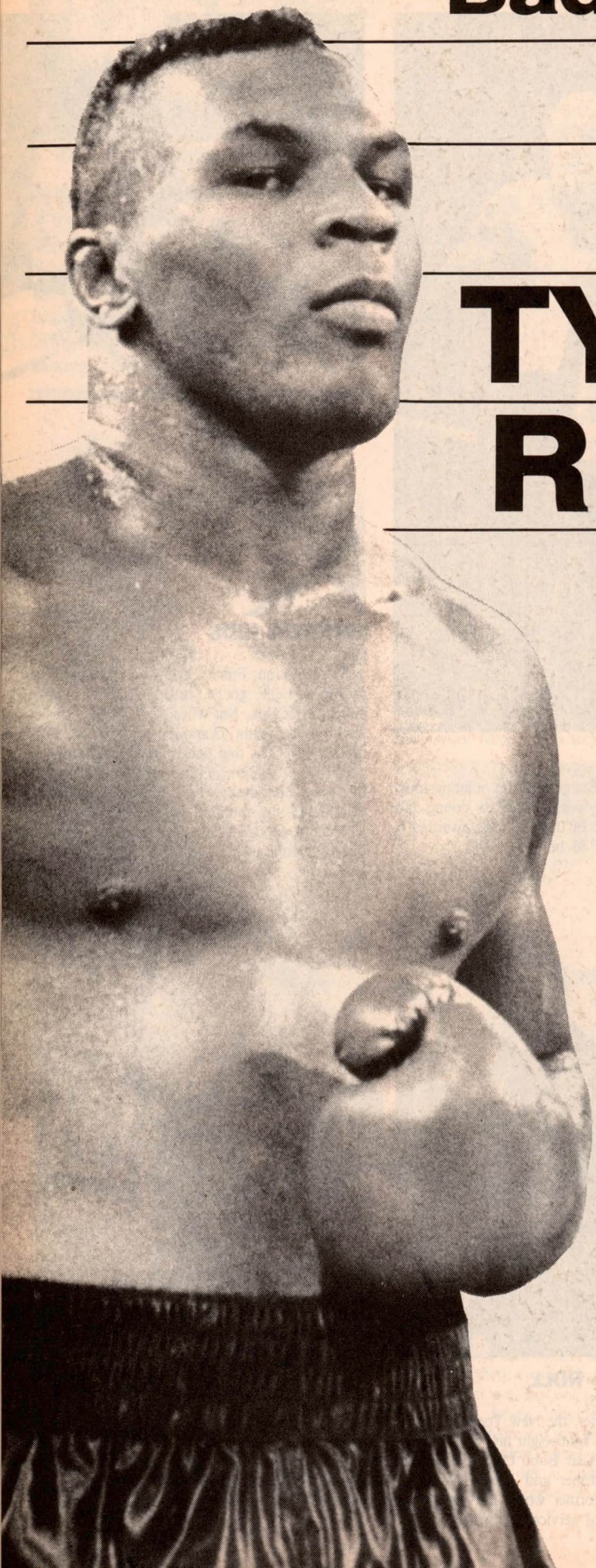
1954 HONOR ROLL

(November 13, 1955)

At its annual dinner, the New York Boxing Writers Association presented its awards for 1954. Left to right: undefeated lightweight and Rookie of the Year Frankie Ryff, world middleweight champion and Fighter of the Year Bobo Olson, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission Julius Helfand, *Ring* Publisher and Boxing Writers Association President Nat Fleischer, who made the presentations, and former world heavyweight champion James J. Braddock, who was honored for long and meritorious service to boxing.

Bad Intentions, Part II

MIKE TYSON'S RETURN



By Jeff Ryan

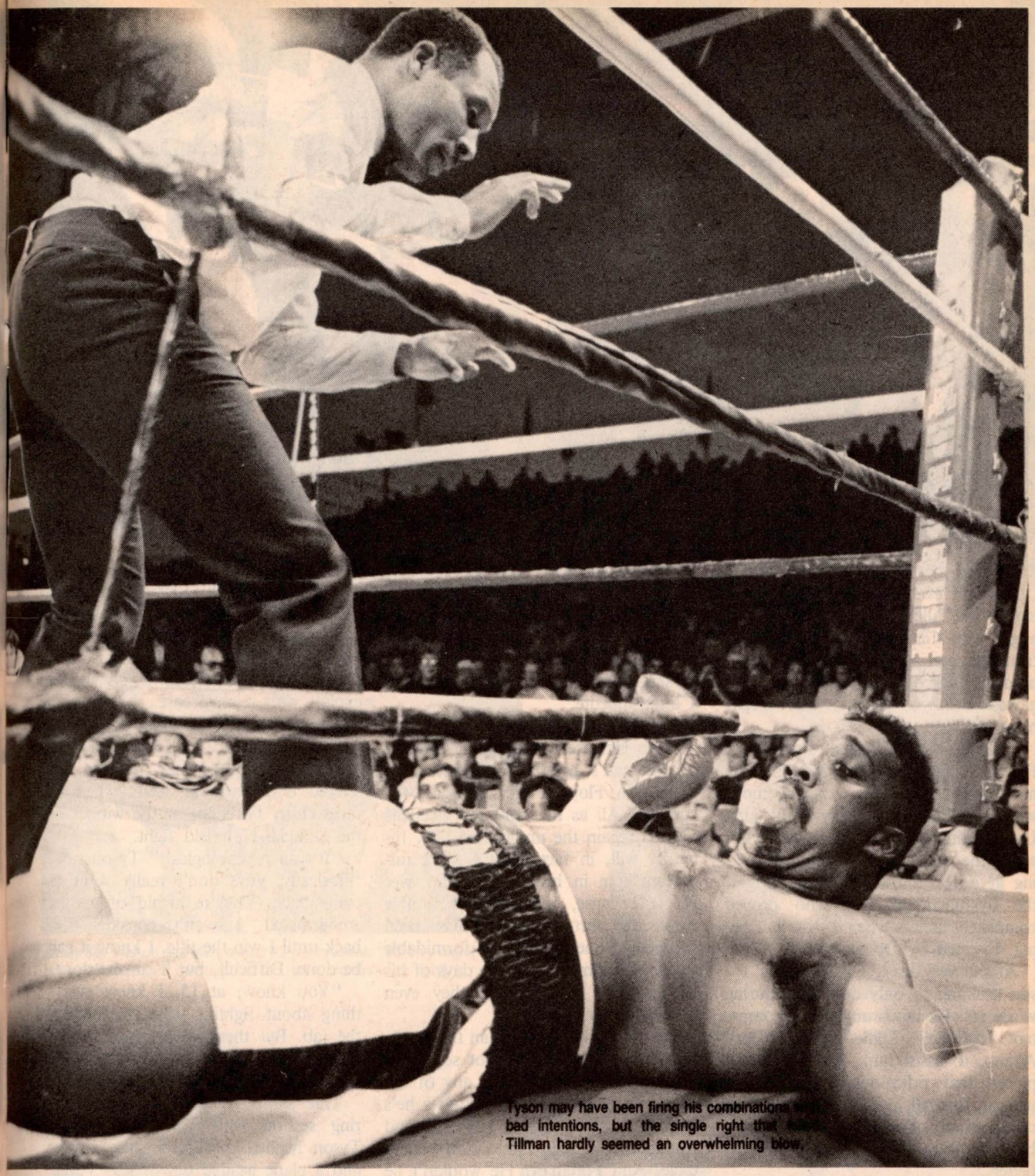
There are no-win situations, and then there is the quicksand that Mike Tyson had to tiptoe across in the Caesars Palace parking lot in June. Being expected to notch a quickie kayo was a pressure to which he'd long been accustomed. But this time, the spotlight must have felt like a laser beam, the magnifying glass must have seemed the size of Nevada. Too one-sided to be a prize-fight, this was instead a look at the inner workings of a man once called boxing's best. It was a *Ty-sonogram,* and millions of self-appointed specialists couldn't wait to interpret the results.

Forget a loss. One misstep, one wobble, one second of hesitation, one punch fired with only semi-bad intentions in *victory,* and the headlines would have screamed that Tyson had been ruined by Buster Douglas back in February. The world's heavyweights would have had their confidence inflated like George Foreman's midsection. HBO probably would have halted negotiations on that multi-million-dollar contract extension with Iron-less Mike, and Tyson's career would have gone from V.I.P to R.I.P status in the time it takes to say, "Mr. King, you don't look very well."

"I didn't have any doubts that I would win," Tyson said after dispatching 23-1 underdog Henry Tillman in just 2:47 with a right high on the head. "I was just scared that I wasn't going to have a good performance. Buster Douglas was supposed to be a pushover, too."

Entering the bout, Tyson knew that he would prove very little with a brutal victory. That's because nothing at all was expected from Tillman. (And Hammerin' Hank certainly delivered as expected.) But still, if you dug beneath the surface a bit, a few keys to the state of Iron Mike Tyson were evident. A hint as to Tyson's future chances against the likes of Douglas, Holyfield, Ruddock, and Foreman can be found by looking at three problems that contributed to Iron Mike's mighty flop against Douglas, and examining how—if at all—they've been solved.

His out-of-the-ring behavior: It was apparent at a New York press conference in April that reports of the ex-



Tyson may have been firing his combinations with bad intentions, but the single right that [illegible] Tillman hardly seemed an overwhelming blow.

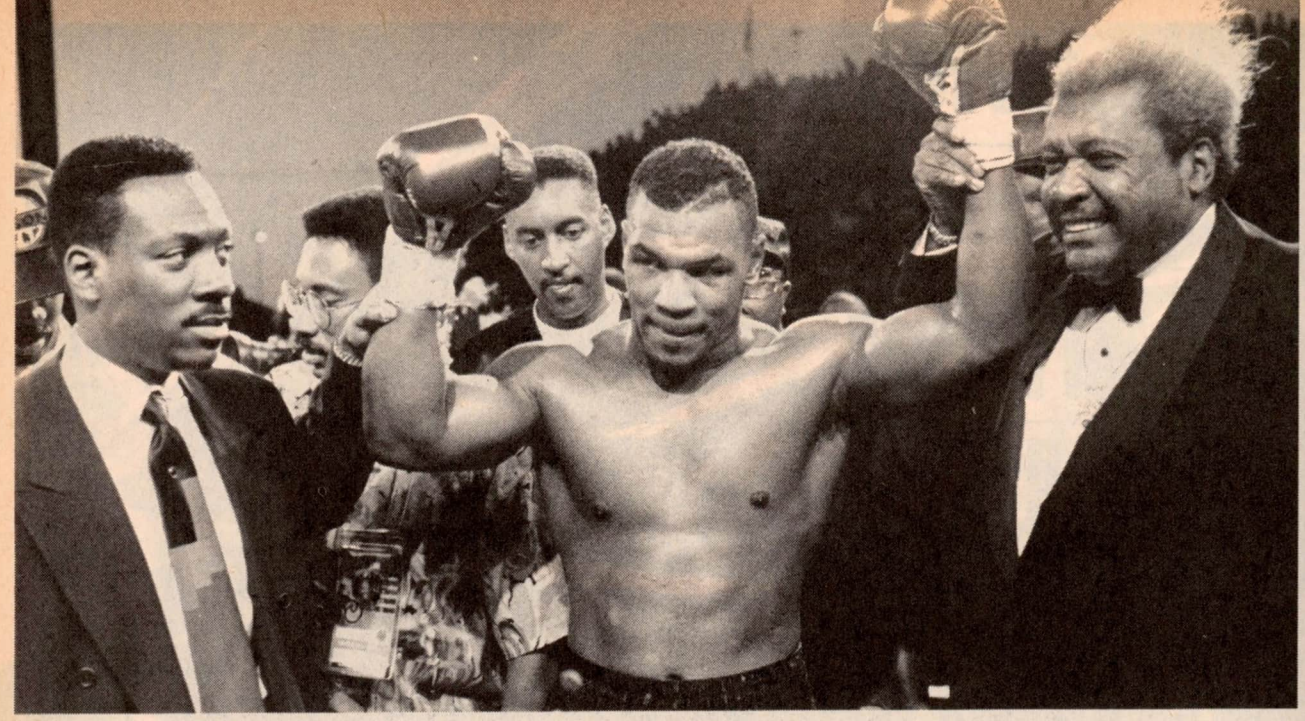
champ's partying, eating, and drinking were greatly exaggerated. Rumored to be as much as 60 pounds overweight, Tyson looked trim, fit, and relaxed.

"Before losing, I had a great deal, I mean a big, voracious appetite with women and stuff," he said. "When I look at a woman's eyes now, I see the devil. When I look at a glass of liquor, I see the devil."

What seems to have put a few speed bumps in Tyson's fast lane, however, isn't a devil, but a little angel. In May, one of Tyson's girlfiends gave birth to his son. The child was named Damato Kilrain Tyson after Tyson's former trainer and mentor, Cus D'Amato, and Jake Kilrain, a leading heavyweight of more than 100 years ago. Having a child has seemed to have a settling effect on the fighter. Much of his time since May has been spent quietly with his son, or in King's house on the grounds of the Las Vegas Country Club.

In the weeks leading to the Tillman bout, in fact, Tyson was a virtual recluse. That didn't please the press very much, but it made King sleep a whole lot easier. Overall, rate Tyson's out-of-the-ring behavior far less hazardous to his ring health than it had been.

His corner: It is in this area that Tyson has made his biggest improvement. Or, more accurately, has had it made for him. It is believed that the decision to hire Rich Giachetti as Tyson's new trainer was made by promoter



An unpredictable threesome, Eddie Murphy, Tyson, and Don King, celebrate the quick kayo of Tillman. Tyson needs to mellow outside the ring, without losing his intensity inside.

King, and that Tyson initially balked. One report even said that while training for the Tillman fight, Tyson was so angry with Giachetti that he stormed from the gym and drove—still wearing headgear, a protective cup, and boxing gloves—back to King's Las Vegas home.

Giachetti is not a marquee name like Futch, Dundee, or Steward, but he never seemed to make a wrong move when working with heavyweight king Larry Holmes. He brings to the Tyson camp the experience and smarts lacking in Aaron Snowell and Jay Bright, the dysfunctional duo who proved completely useless when Tyson was being dissected by Douglas.

At the very least, Giachetti has Tyson listening to only one voice during workouts. He has brought in a competent cutman, Eddie "The Clot" Aliano, to assist him, and he has replaced that ridiculous water balloon with an Enswell, just in case something other than Tyson's ego becomes bruised. Rate these changes for the better.

His intensity: It's been said that the ingredient that separates the elite from the wanna-bes in any sport is the ability to sink the easy layup, hit the fat pitch, or notch the sure win without fail. In that sense, Tyson's blowout of Tillman proved that "Kid Dynamite" didn't have his psyche completely run through a Veg-O-Matic by Douglas. Yet, by his own admission, Tyson lacked an intensity against Tillman that had been his trademark as heavyweight king.

"I fought the way I normally fight," he said afterward. "I just fought with a little appetite."

Tyson's appetite for destruction will have to increase to something the size of Foreman's appetite for dessert if he is to join Floyd Patterson and Muhammad Ali as the only heavyweights ever to regain the undisputed title. Intensity will, in fact, play a more important role in his success than ever before because, following his tumble from the throne, Tyson has been stripped of one of his most formidable weapons: intimidation. The days of his winning big fights before they even start are over.

He may have had Tillman thoroughly spooked, but he will not send that same fear rushing through any of the division's powers. Douglas knows he's already humbled Tyson. Holyfield and Ruddock have seen that Tyson is beatable. And Foreman? He wouldn't be afraid of a nuclear missile aimed squarely at his sternum.

"Tillman is a shot fighter who can't punch," says Joey Fariello, the trainer of WBA welterweight king Mark Breland. "What kind of challenge is there? Mike needs to get his desire back for Douglas. Without desire, he's nothing. He's just a short heavyweight that can punch a little bit."

Tyson is next slated to meet Alex Stewart, Holyfield's bad dream from last autumn, in a September 8 double-header that will also feature Foreman squaring off with Italian Francesco Damiani. Because he can punch with either hand, Stewart is much more of a test than Tillman. But his defense and chin are limitations that Tyson should exploit with relative ease.

The real question of just how much the post-Douglas Tyson resembles the pre-Douglas Tyson may not be answered until early in 1991, when he faces either Foreman or the winner of the Douglas-Holyfield fight.

"It's all psychological," Tyson says. "Basically, guys don't really want to come back. They're afraid of getting embarrassed. I won't consider I'm back until I win the title. I know it can be done. Difficult, but it can be done.

"You know, at 15, I knew everything about fighting—the right hook, the jab. But there's maturity. And in the last seven or eight months, I've been maturing a great deal."

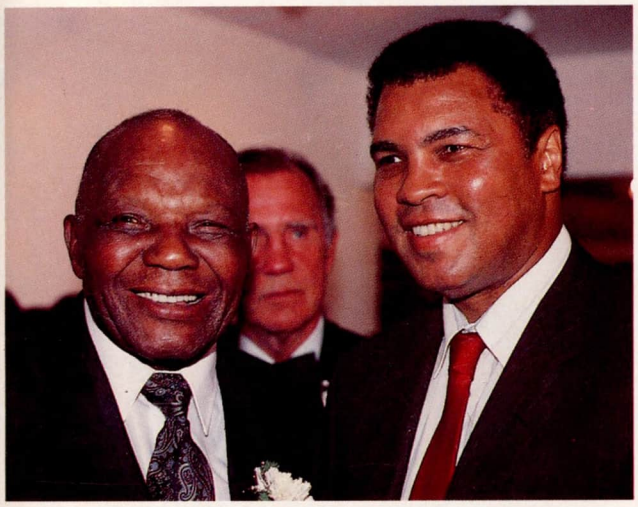
That said, and his $3-million sparring session with Tillman complete, Tyson headed quickly for the airport and a plane headed out of Las Vegas. The destination? Not a party, or a smorgasbord, or the old Brooklyn neighborhood, or even Dapper Dan's for a little 4 a.m. clothes-buying spree. No, he was heading home to spend Father's Day with his son.

Mike Tyson, it appears, is being humanized. But a word of warning: As Tyson lulls Damato Kilrain to sleep in his arms, Buster, Evander, Big George, and The Razor would be wise to not to lull themselves into a false sense of security. ■

A Gathering Of Champions

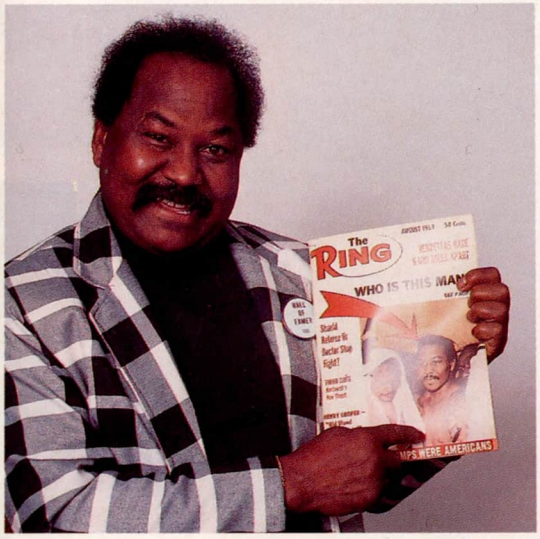
In June, world champions mingled with boxing fans in Canastota, New York, the site of the new International Boxing Hall of Fame. It was a wondrous assemblage of all-time greats. The inaugural inductees were elected by a panel of boxing writers and historians.

Carmen Basilio blocks an uppercut from a playful Sandy Saddler. Basilio received a warm ovation. He was born in Canastota in 1927.



Jersey Joe Walcott and Muhammad Ali were radiant. "My only regret at this point," Walcott said, "is that I'm too old to continue [to fight]."

Archie Moore dances and shuffles for the fans, stabbing the air with lefts and rights. It was his special way of saying thanks.



In 1969, *The Ring* asked who this man was. Jose Napoles went on to become one of the all-time great welterweight champions.

As usual, Ali is the center of attention. And, as usual, "The Greatest" savors the moment, as 800 enthusiastic spectators rhythmically chant, "Ali! Ali! Ali!"

A GATHERING OF

From left: Bob Foster, Floyd Patterson, Carmen Basilio, Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler, Ike Williams, Emile Griffith, Billy Backus, Jose Napoles, Archie Moore

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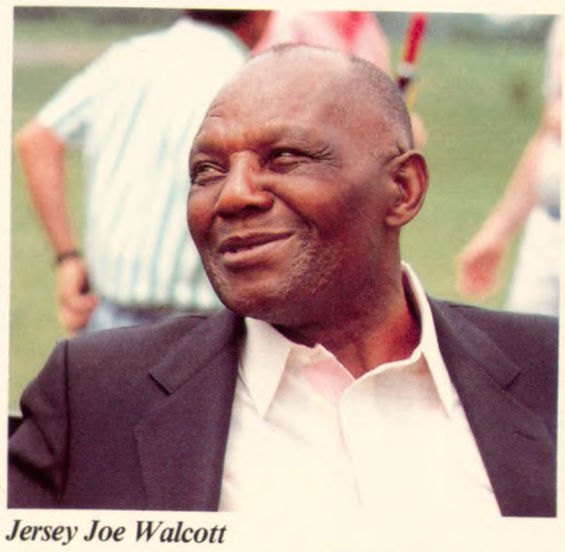

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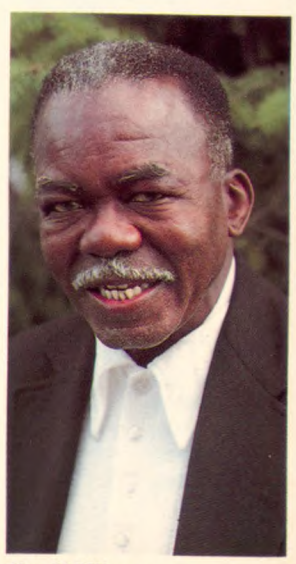

Ike Williams

Jose Napoles

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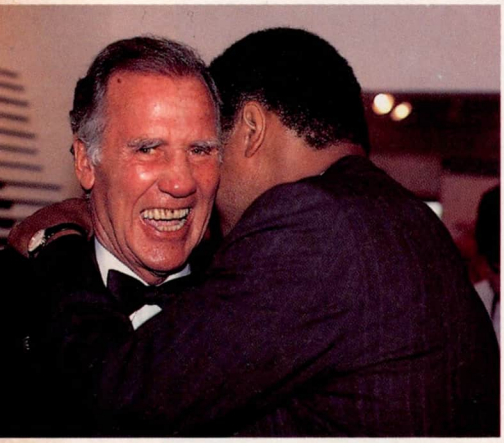
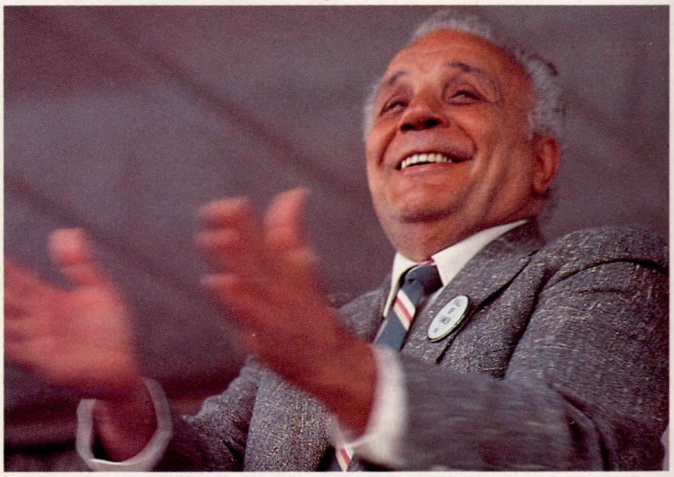
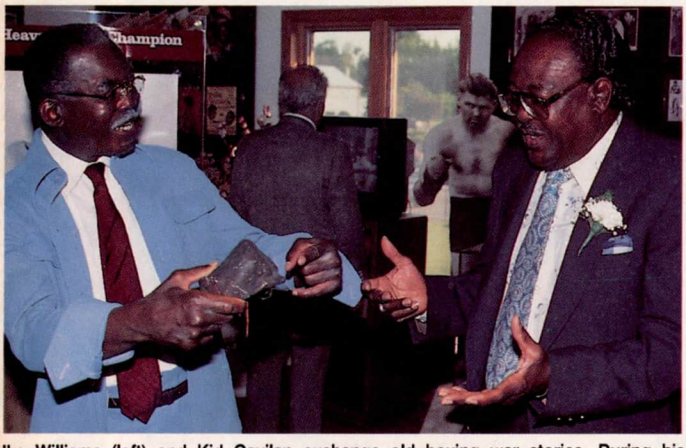


Billy Conn beams as Ali embraces him. Conn reminisced about his famed 1941 title bout against Joe Louis.



Jake LaMotta's speech was more comedy than reflection, but he left everyone in stitches, just as he had left most of his opponents.

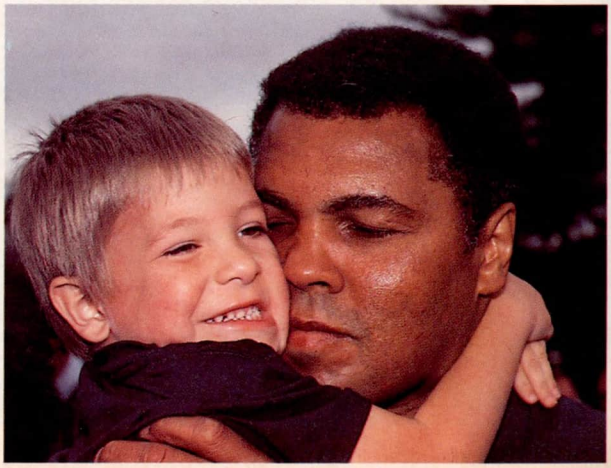


Ike Williams (left) and Kid Gavilan exchange old boxing war stories. During his acceptance speech, Gavilan told the crowd, "What we did for you was love."

Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler shared warm smiles, but during their four-fight grudge series, they were bitter enemies.

Bob Foster towers above Jose Napoles (left) and Emile Griffith. Foster is now a sheriff, Napoles a singer, and Griffith a trainer.

Ali charmed the children, as well as the adults. He was surrounded wherever he went. As always, he was gracious and kind toward everyone.



The British Middleweight Glut

CHRIS EUBANK

STANDS ALONE

By Steve Bunce

Middleweights are the fighting rage in England. The present lineup of 160-pound hopes are beginning to dominate the world ratings. Mad dogs and different they certainly are. The six on the list have all the ingredients to excite purists and ignite fans.

Homeboy Michael Watson, he of the unsuccessful iron-heart assault on Mike McCallum's WBA title, has knocked out the ever-thrilling Nigel Benn. London's East End has a hard, silent type in new arrival and recent Boston resident Steve Collins. And in Sheffield, veteran southpaw Herol "Bomber" Graham and his gym-kick, Slugger O'Toole, challenge the London-based boys.

Each of the five has a selection of skills and strong points. Watson defends well and is accurate with his punches when given room to maneuver. Benn stalks and hits with power in the ring, and displays a slick-haired designer-life outside. Collins, who pushed McCallum in February, is the throwback pro, the poor Irish kid. The southpaw Graham has proven unbeatable at domestic level, but has flopped in serious world title attacks. O'Toole is the outsider, a black Yorkshireman with skill and belief.

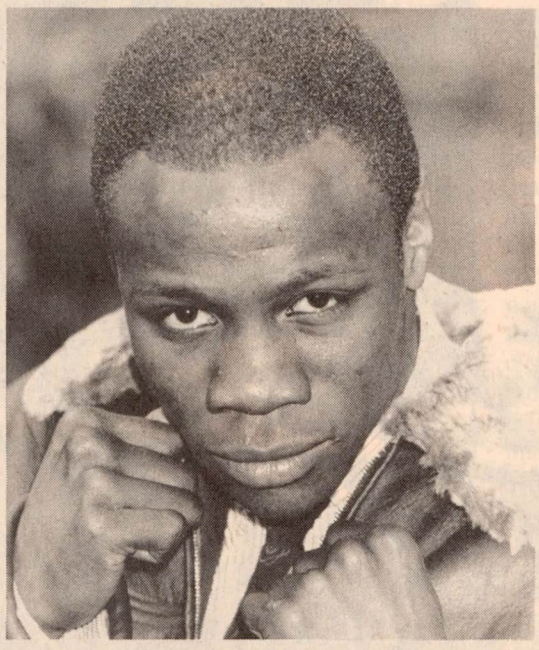
Then there is Chris Eubank, who is misunderstood, underrated, and considered an easy task by the five frontrunners. The 23-year-old Eubank is 22-0 (12), and the WBC International middleweight ruler. Depending on whom one speaks to, he has nothing or he has it all. In April, when Benn wiped out Doug DeWitt in Atlantic City, the second thing that the public relations-conscious Nigel said (the first was a message to his mum) was that he would like to make worthwhile defenses of the WBO belt, a belt many consider worthless. Then he flashed the screen a toy-boy cheeky grin and said, "Perhaps against Chris Eubank." He was dissing, as was Benn's old opponent Watson, when he suggested in London that Benn "forget about Barkley, Hearns, and Duran. He should box Chris Eubank. That would be an easy fight and earn him some money."

Eubank is based in Brighton, on the South Coast. It is an odd, summer-dominated town that was once the height of late-Victorian taste. Now it is almost as visually derelict as Coney Island. But Brighton lacks real decay. The promenade is long and mellow and contrasts vividly with the Boardwalk of Atlantic City, where Eubank had his first five fights in 1985 and 1986. Based at New York's famed Gleason's Gym, the Briton scored five four-round points wins before returning to England.

Eubank's English debut was in March 1988, and he has packed 17 fights into 25 months since. There have been management changes, and now the middleweight is a member of Barry Hearn's quickly growing Matchroom stable. Two weeks before a fight, Eubank travels from the sea to the Essex town of Romford, where Hearn, a millionaire sports entrepreneur, has his empire, including a quality gym.

To reach Romford, a British Rail train has to be sought, and the passage through, or rather over, the East End of London provides a panoramic sweep of a changing city. Romford was a market town, but it now has pretensions, and the people have 12-month suntans. It is there that Hearn rules supreme. He has the largest fighting stable in England, and his approach, with pension plans, traveling expenses, and group housing, is fresh and original. And in the marketable and literate Eubank, he has found the fighter for the '90s marketplace.

It is a fit, fighting environment, and Eubank spends his days listening to classical music in a hotel close to the gym. He refuses to live with other Hearn fighters in the building the promoter bought to house displaced boxers during their final prep for important bouts. He doesn't mix very well with the other fighters. People who don't understand, but believe they do, whisper, "He's okay; you have to get to know him," as he prances



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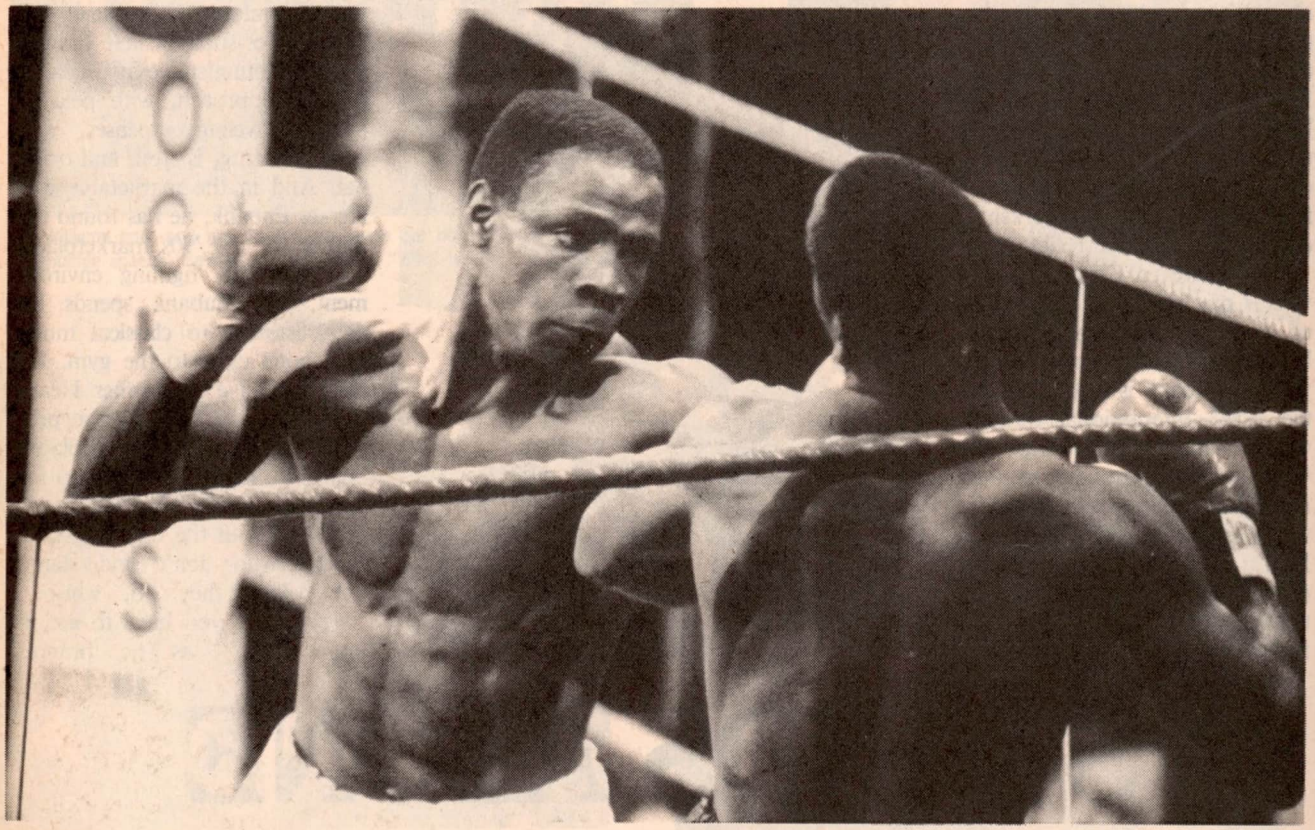
around the gym in a tight, white leotard number. He is a mix of bad attitudes that are countered by his intelligence and confused by his antics. He is nothing new to his gymmates, but he is odd, and his five-minute wall-staring session, during which he tenses up and sweats profusely, is certainly a different type of concentration exercise.

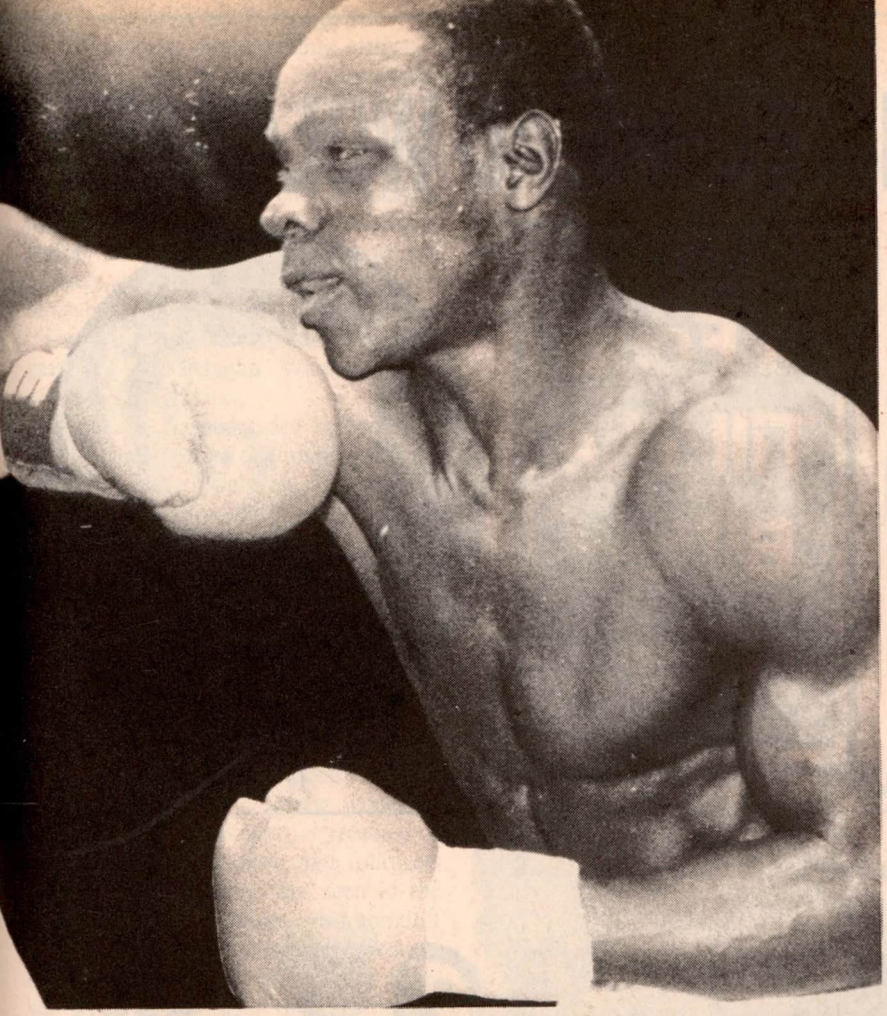
"Whatever he does," says his manager, Darkie Smith, "he does on his own, he does not take any notice. I don't have to like him. Chris is his own man. I go in the corner in case there is a cut, but really I am an ornament."

Smith has guided Eubank since May 1989, and their approach, as Darkie's comments outline, is not an arm-in-arm sentimental journey. Darkie takes care of business, and Eubank produces in the ring. It is a marriage of growls.

Before Eubank's title defense against slippery Argentine Eduardo Contreras in April, he went through the motions in the sunny Romford gym. There was no white get-up, but instead a ski suit. He emerged from the Jacuzzi and changing area, exchanged pleasantries with junior lightweight contender Jim McDonnell, and started his warm-around by backpedaling and bending his upper body in wide arcs. The contortions, with grunting-sound effects,



Eubank first gained international attention with an eight-rounds points win over Jamaican fringe contender Anthony Logan in February 1989. He remains unbeaten at 22-0 (12), but lacks the recognition shared by England's other world-rated middleweights, Nigel Benn, Michael Watson, and Herol Graham.



Eubank's most recent win, a points victory over Argentina's overly defensive Eduardo Contreras (above), was a dull affair, but the British middleweight's skills were nevertheless evident. After another triumph, Eubank is congratulated by promoter Hearn (below), whose status in British rings continues to grow. Eubank is now rated third by the WBA, and reigns as the WBC's International 160-pound champion.

went on for about 10 minutes. He switched the rap music off and stepped into the ring without taking his eye off the wall mirrors. Darkie Smith was away at a weigh-in for another fight, and his coach of two years, Ronnie Davies, was serving as the ornament. Davies hovered on the outside of the ropes with the hook and jab pads as the three-minute segments buzzed by on the wall clock.

A young apprentice, hitting a bag, suddenly realized his rhythm was off and shouted, "What has happened to the music?" Eubank froze in mid-shadow, switched his feet, faced the kid, and said, "It was disturbing people."

Arrogant, ignorant, and *misunderstood* are Eubank's usual labels. But the pounding music was disturbing *him.* His fighting rhythm is not derived from a black rap cut. He chops and rocks to a different beat altogether.

Eventually he turned and addressed Davies.

"Just one round sharp," he said,

and in jumped the coach. "Let's concentrate on body shots." Eubank wandered around the ring, making faces, stamping his feet, hitting his gloves, looking up at the gods, smiling, and snarling. With a cape, he could tour with the pro wrestlers.

Short of throwing cups at him, the white fight crowd has developed a hate-accept relationship with Eubank. After floating and measuring his foes, he often delivers the knockouts that fans live for.

During interviews, Eubank lectures, "I'm not arrogant . . . I am assertive," and he often delivers the verbal equivalent of his physical ring outbursts. "It shows me immediately that you know nothing about boxing," he recently told a TV interviewer, who really didn't know anything about boxing.

How good is the Misunderstood Kid? Eubank's first big win was against Jamaican Anthony Logan in February 1989. (Logan had dropped Nigel Benn during a Commonwealth title fight before being knocked out by the first punch that Benn landed.) Eubank was forced to trade and alter his usual antics. He was caught, but he came back to whack Logan on his way to an eight-round points victory.

The wins have since rolled by. He had nine fights in 1989 and fought a total of 41 rounds. His inside-the-distance wins are often beautiful to watch, as he ends his prowling with perfect crosses or hooks. One recent ending that sticks rich in mind was his second-round kayo of Frenchman Jean-Noel Camara in October. Eubank did the foot-wander, the eye-shuffle, the Motown hand motions, and then flicked out fast single jabs. In the second, he brought the one-man entertainment show together and edged close to take Camara out with a short right uppercut. He stopped in mid-antic, breathed in, stepped in, and Camara was over.

His most recent fight, against the survivor from the Argentine, Contreras, was a dull affair. Eubank scored through openings that he created with carefully measured jabs. He did not wade in like Benn or increase the pressure like Watson. He worked with time and scored when he knew he could.

Chris Eubank knows he can, and The Misunderstood Kid's time to be understood is now. ■

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BATTLING NELSON & AD WOLGAST:

Battling Nelson

A Feud Till The Bitter End

Ad Wolgast

By P.N. Ehrmann

Fay King and Mildred Wolgast were both strong-willed, independent women who also happened to be married to two former lightweight boxing champions of the world. Something else they had in common was that their husbands thoroughly detested each other.

To Mrs. King's husband, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast was a "cheese champion" and "beyond a doubt the cheapest man I ever met." And of Nelson, Ad Wolgast said, "I have no more use for him than church folk have for a rattlesnake at a revival meeting."

Four-handed bridge was therefore out of the question, but as one newspaper explained, " . . . through the bombardment of expletives the petite members of the two families are the best of friends. Mrs. Nelson opines that Mrs. Wolgast is a 'peacherino,' while Mrs. Wolgast confidently affirms that 'Fay is awfully sweet.' " And on September 13, 1913, the chums got together in Portland, California, to announce agreement on another matter: "Our husbands no more shall fight as long as we both shall live."

It was a stunning feminist manifesto in an era when there was no female sufferage and barely female sufferance. But given the nature of the time and of the husbands in question, what hap-

Defending lightweight champion Nelson (left) and challenger Wolgast square off before their historic title bout in Richmond, California, on February 22, 1910. It was Nelson's fifth championship defense.

pened next was no big surprise.

"I have just wired Battling Nelson," announced Ad Wolgast on September 14, "that I will be glad to fight him in Milwaukee on October 28."

If Fay and Mildred put their feet down or felt a sudden chill of mortality, it was lost in the clamor of anticipation from boxing fans around the country, to whom the prospect of another war between Battling Nelson, "The Durable Dane," and Ad Wolgast, "The Michigan Wildcat," was perfectly peacherino.

They had clashed twice before. Nelson was lightweight champion when he and Wolgast fought a bloody 10-round, no-decision fight—in which the newspapers adjudged the underdog Wolgast the winner—on July 13, 1909. That introduction laid the foundation for their mutual hatred and set the stage for a rematch, held on February 22, 1910. It went 40 rounds, and the bitter enemies punched, pushed, fouled, and even bit one another. Finally, the referee intervened to save Nelson after he had, in the words of one newspaper account, "received a beating such as old-time ring followers maintain never before was seen in the American ring." Nelson, who couldn't even see anymore, vehemently protested the stoppage, and eight years afterward was still insisting that he was the reigning lightweight champion because the referee had never actually counted him out in the Wolgast fight.

For a couple of fellows who hated each other so, Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast were amazingly alike, inside the ropes and otherwise, and their lives followed an eerily parallel course from start to finish. Both came out of the Midwest. Although born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on June 5, 1882, Battling Nelson was raised in Hegewich, Illinois. Ad Wolgast was born on February 8, 1888, in Cadillac, Michigan. Nelson was one of eight chidren; Wolgast was one of seven. And both got their real starts on the road to boxing fame and fortune in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which almost a century ago was a major fight center.

Nelson arrived there broke in 1901, and headquartered at Paddy Dorrell's Beanery in the town's bowery district. He trained in the backroom gym, and lived on Paddy's famous beans. His manager was Teddy Murphy, a former Milwaukee fighter.

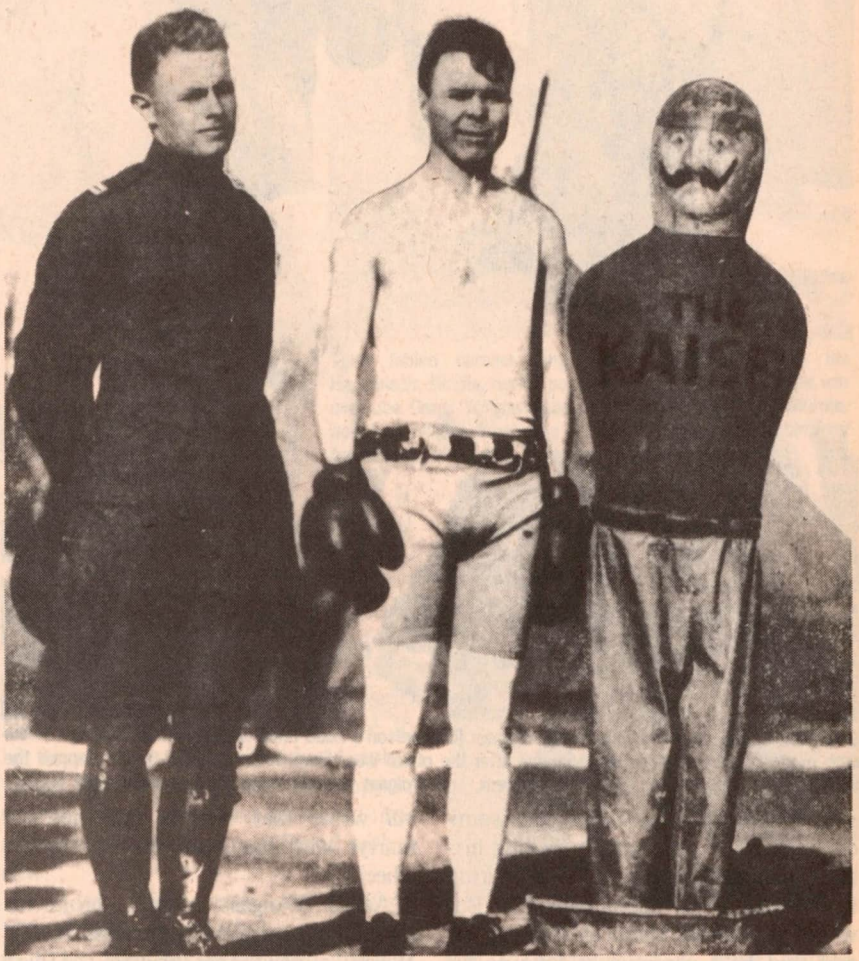
They had gone west almost three years before Ad Wolgast arrived in Milwaukee in 1907, and, like Nelson, trained and ate at Paddy Dorrell's. After establishing himself as a fistic attraction, Wolgast, too, headed west under the management of Milwaukeean Frank Mulkern.

If both fighters were certain of anything, it was that absolutely nothing could hurt them. Early in his career, Nelson had actually engaged in a head-butting contest with a man in Hegewich, both having their hands tied behind their backs and ramming craniums like billy goats. After several head-on collisions, Bat's foe retired with a gaping wound on his skull; Nelson himself was unmarked and unfazed.

Wolgast was equally confident and proud of his ability to withstand any kind of blow. Before his title fight with Nelson, he offered to let Wolgast "put a horseshoe in each of his gloves and . . . bet him $2,500 that he can't knock me out."

From a purely statistical standpoint, their claims were unassailable. In 132 recorded fights, Battling Nelson failed to go the distance just twice. Ad Wolgast fought 135 times, and was also stopped just twice, with one of those due to a broken arm.

But by 1913, their face-first style had taken a toll that their wives could only worry about, and when they met in the ring for the third time on October 17—it had been moved up from the original date—both were far from the fighters and physical specimens they had been. Wolgast had lost the title to Willie Ritchie on a 16-round foul the year before, and when he lost a newspaper decision to Joe Azevado on September 1, 1913, had seemed to acknowledge the inevitable.



In April 1918, Nelson proudly displays his "Nelson Dummy," designed to look like Germany's despised Kaiser, and to be used as a punching device for American soldiers during the first World War.

"I would rather quit altogether than spend my time training and boxing around like a sideshow man," he said afterward. But then Fay and Mildred went public with their conclusions about their husbands' futures, and the 5'7½" Nelson and the 5'4¼" Wolgast showed who wore the pants in their families by pounding each other throughout 10 rounds in Milwaukee. "They May Be Ex-Champs And Down And Out, But These Two Warriors Surely Put Up A Grand Battle," headlined the *Milwaukee Journal* the next day.

Wolgast won the newspaper decision and resumed his career full-force. Nel-

Both their bodies streaked with blood, Wolgast jolts Nelson's head back with a vicious uppercut in the 40th round of their 1910 clash. Moments after the photo was taken, referee Ed W. Smith stopped the bout to save Nelson from further punishment, and Wolgast was crowned the new lightweight champ.

son, whose ring contests included some of the most brutal fights in boxing history, announced that he was retiring from boxing to enter politics. But within a year he voted to fight again, and said he'd continue as long as his battered hands held up.

"I ain't human," Nelson often boasted, referring to his incredible endurance and ability to absorb punishment. When he launched his comeback, the *Milwaukee Journal* (whose sports department the Battler would visit before every local fight to announce, "This ain't going to be any pink tea,") reported, "Doctors who examined him said he was of subnormal nervous organism [sic], meaning his nerves were less sensitive than those of the ordinary man, and did not carry shock to the brain in the normal way."

However, the physical effects of Nelson's beatings stood out like neon advertisements of his profession. As early as 1905, before he won the lightweight title and with more than half his ring career ahead of him, the *Journal* wrote that Nelson "resembles a martyr who has been broken on the wheel."

As for Wolgast, after he broke his right arm in a 1914 fight with Freddy Welsh, a newspaper printed the high points of his medical resume:

1906—left ear cauliflowered; 1907—right ear cauliflowered; 1908—bones in hands cracked; 1910—broken arm and rib; 1911—appendicitis; 1912—bones in both hands broken; 1913—ribs cracked; 1914—two broken arms

In 1916, Nelson decided to try retirement again, but it was too late to mollify Fay King. She announced that she was divorcing the ex-champ. In a poignant effort to regain her good graces, the battered Battler, who'd denigrated former lightweight champion Jimmy Britt as "The Dude" for the latter's concern about protecting his features in the ring, had his spectacularly cauliflowered ears, crushed nose, and mashed lips remodeled by a plastic surgeon. And, according to a news account, he also hired "a social tutor, a mentor of deportment, and a dancing instructor" to give him "lessons in terpsichord, French, and grammar."

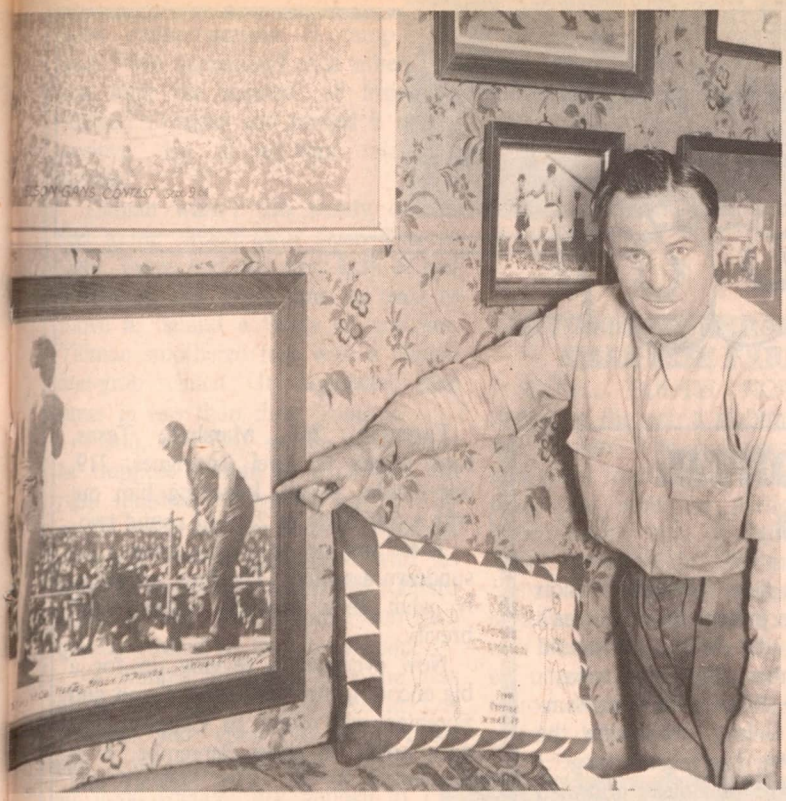
While it was later reported that "the doctor has not beautified the Dane to any great extent," the results of his physical overhaul, at least, were startling enough to cause Nelson a problem when he tried to get in to see the Ever Hammer-Joe Welling fight in Racine, Wisconsin, on November 22, 1916. When the boxing inspector failed to recognize the remodeled Nelson and refused to believe that it was the former champion, he was arrested for trying to impersonate himself.

While far from a dude himself, Wolgast himself had tried plastic surgery of sorts a few years earlier, with less spectacular results. According to the January 17, 1913, *Journal,* Ad had had his flattened nose injected with parafin and reshaped. But then occurred a tragedy that probably deserves enshrinement in the annals of dermatology: "The other day a pimple appeared on Ad's nose. It bothered him. He squeezed it. He kept on squeezing it. And when he finally finished, his nose sagged in the middle. All the parafin had leaked out through that pimple."

When then-heavyweight champion Jess Willard drove Ad to St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee on February 27, 1917, however, it wasn't for treatment of what boxing had done to his physiognomy. The little Dutchman had tried to quit the ring several times, but was always drawn back by the memories of what had been. "You just can't quit, that's all," he said plaintively after one attempt at retirement in 1916. "They say a criminal is drawn back irresistibly to the scene of his crime. Well, so is a fighter drawn back to the old rings, to the old crowd, and the old excitement. Why not let the ex-champs have their little pipedreams?"

The initial explanation for Wolgast's hospitalization in Milwaukee was that he suffered a "nervous breakdown." But on April 4, 1917, two psychiatrists told a Milwaukee court that the former champion was mentally incompetent and that there was "hardly a chance for [him] to regain his health." Control of his ring earnings, said to amount to about $200,000, was given to Mildred, who was then herself in the process of suing for divorce.

Meanwhile Nelson, his improved countenance and social graces having failed to sway Fay from dissolving their marriage, announced that he would return to the ring.



Their fabled careers long ended, Nelson (left), in his Hegewisch, Illinois, home, points to a photo of his title-fight win over Joe Gans. Wolgast (above) works in a Vernon, California, pool hall. Nelson receives a charity check on his 71st birthday from the sports editor of a Chicago newspaper (below).

Wolgast, only 30 but physically and mentally decrepit—"A glance at Wolgast's head," wrote a Milwaukee newsman, "is enough to show what he had gone through"—spent more than a year in Milwaukee sanitoriums. The day after his release, on April 18, 1918, he called the *Journal* to announce that he wanted to fight lightweight champion Benny Leonard in a 20-round bout. Fighting was all he knew. But no state would license him to box, and the Wildcat ended up, for the time being, working on a farm in northern Wisconsin, from where he wrote to a friend in October 1918, begging "for a dime or so."

He wasn't the only one with problems. After finally retiring at the age of 34, Nelson had toured with a circus and then tried, unsuccessfully, to enlist in the U.S. Army as a boxing instructor. It was the height of World War I, and Bat was equally unlucky trying to interest the military in purchasing rights to the "Nelson Dummy," a punching bag he invented that was fashioned in the likeness of the Kaiser. In the fall of 1918, Batt was felled by the influenza epidemic that swept through the country and around the world, killing thousands. He was hospitalized in Chicago, and in October, the man who made even more money than Wolgast, and spent it even faster, had to make his own appeal for funds.

"I am not asking for charity," insisted the Dane. "All I would like is some of the money I loaned out . . . It may be unbelievable, but the total amount I now have outstanding . . . will run close to $250,000."

Four days later, newspapers reported that the Battler had been moved from "Millionaires' Row" in St. Luke's Hospital to a ward for the indigent. Nelson wrote about the difference to his one-time manager, Teddy Murphy: "Last night oyster patties for supper; this morning, hash. Just now, old-timer, we had stew that once flirted with a cow."

It took seven years, but Battling Nelson finally rebounded into solvency in 1925, when his father died and left him $150,000, most of which came from ring earnings the Battler had given him. But within 10 years the former champ was dead-broke again, and this time it wouldn't get better. He lived in flea-bag hotels and worked occasionally. In January 1954, a month before his death on February 7, "The Durable Dane" was admitted to the charity ward of Chicago State Hospital. He was, according to a wire service report, "a wasted, incoherent little man without a penny to his name." The diagnosis was "incurable senile dementia." A press account said that the 71-year-old fighting machine spent the last weeks of his life babbling nonsensically about boxing events that had occurred decades before.

The news that he had outlasted his bitterest enemy might have consoled

Wolgast if he had been in any condition to comprehend it. After drifting out to California in 1918, and even fighting once or twice more, the Wildcat's benumbed brain ceased forever to function normally. He was committed to a California asylum, and for many years trained there in a makeshift gym to defend the lightweight crown that, in what was left of his own tortured mind, he had never lost. When he died on April 14, 1955, Ad's mind was a total blank, and he had spent more than half of his 67 years in mental institutions.

For Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast, life inside the ring and out had been a brutal endurance contest, and right to the sad end, the notion that they could ever lose was just an old wives' tale. ■

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RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Yuh Myung Woo

For those who presume that boxing gave birth to the light flyweight division upon the arrival of Olympic hero Michael Carbajal, we present South Korea's Woo, who has been the WBA 108-pound champion since December 1985. (Of today's world champions, only WBA junior bantamweight titlist Khaosai Galaxy, who won the crown in November 1984, has reigned longer.) Woo, who outpointed the previously unbeaten Leo Gamez in April, has made 15 successful defenses. If he wins his next title fight, he'll surpass the record for most successful defenses by an Oriental champion, which he now shares with another Korean light flyweight, Jung Koo Chang. After breaking the mark, Woo, undefeated in 34 bouts, will likely rise to flyweight, where an eventual showdown with Carbajal is a possibility.

The casual boxing fan has never heard of Woo, or seen him fight. Too bad. He is a gifted and versatile boxer, a strong infighter, and a puncher who is seemingly gaining power with age. Moreover, he is only 26.

Most flyweights and bantamweights peak in their early-'20s. Woo, however, is getting better all the time.

MIKE TYSON-HENRY TILLMAN & GEORGE FOREMAN-ADILSON RODRIGUES

LAS VEGAS—There are no such records kept, but at Caesars Palace, Tyson and Foreman probably produced the shortest big-time doubleheader ever.

Promotional hype billed the 10-round heavyweight eliminations as "The Road Back," but for the 12,000 fans in attendance, the hike to and from the hotel lasted much longer than the ring action.

Tyson, 217, Catskill, New York, used 2:47 to catch a petrified Tillman, 215, Diamond Bar, California, poleaxing him with a right to the temple.

Foreman, 263, Marshall, Texas, took longer to level Rodrigues, 219, Sao Paolo, Brazil, knocking him out with a left hook at 2:39 of round two.

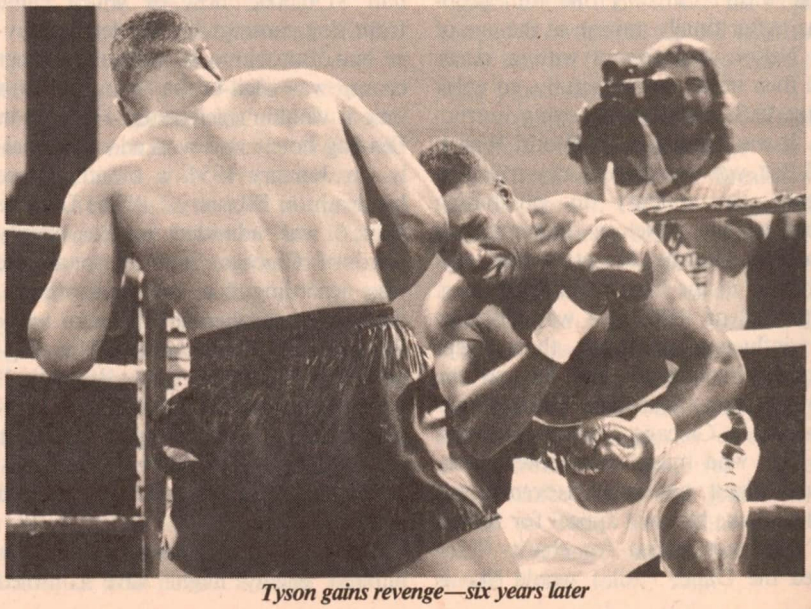
There was no grumbling among the sundown assembly. The fans got exactly what they wanted—violence and brevity.

Now everyone is revving up for a big encore in the fall, when Tyson and Foreman will return to Caesars' outdoor arena on either September 6 or September 8, vs. Alex Stewart and Francesco Damiani, respectively.

Tillman seemed resigned to his fate when he climbed into the ring with his head down. The 1984 Olympic gold medalist, who kept Tyson out of the Games with two Box-off victories, visibly showed distress before the first and only bell. Tillman, 20-4 (14), landed only four of his 15 punches, and his one good right failed to affect Tyson.

Rich Giachetti, who now trains Tyson, was elated with the former champion's patience in cutting off the ring and refusing to give Tillman the room to execute.

"Mike has matured, and there was



Tyson gains revenge—six years later

good communication in camp," he said. "We understand each other. Tyson took the negative of losing to [Buster] Douglas and turned it into a positive. He is a very intelligent fighter."

Tillman wasn't too steady on his feet as he circled away from Tyson's right. Tyson had that stoic look of bad intentions, but every time he tried to move in behind a flurry of punches, Tillman smothered him with a clutch-and-grab clinch. It happened nine times in less than three minutes.

Tyson, 38-1 (34), set the finale when he trapped Tillman in a corner. His right smashed against the top of Tillman's head, and the former Olympian stretched out on the canvas with his arms locked skyward. Referee Richard Steele counted to 10, and Tyson then quickly rushed to his victim's aid.

"I wanted to make sure he was okay," he said. "I also live in Los Angeles, and when I'm there, I see him constantly. Me and Henry are good friends. Just happen to be in the same business."

As for Foreman, the 41-year-old marvel keeps on rolling. Rodrigues, a national hero in Brazil, moved ponderously, but landed enough punches in the early moments to win the first round on two cards.

Foreman, earning his second $1-million check in a comeback that started 42 months ago, was deliberate and relaxed as he sized up the Latin heavyweight. Foreman called on trainer Archie Moore's old crab-shell defense, and as he moved in measured steps, he permitted Rodrigues to bang at the body and flick an occasional jab.

It was only a matter of time before the hammer fell. Until it did, Foreman proved he can practice defense, finishing unmarked after blocking many of the South American champion's offerings with his gloves and huge arms.

In the second, the gathering started chanting, "George! George! George!" Foreman shook Rodrigues with two snappy jabs and brushed his chin with a right that backed the Brazilian to the ropes. The finisher was a thunderous hook to the jaw, and upon falling, Rodrigues' head bounced off the lower rope strand. There was no way he would beat the count of referee Carlos Padilla.

Foreman is 67-2 (63). Rodrigues is 36-4 (26).

Foreman wants Tyson now, but he'll settle for Damiani.

"I look over tapes of my prospective opponents," he said, "and if they can whup my mother, I don't fight 'em." (6-16-90)

Jack Welsh

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA-CHAN MOK PARK

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—The crowd sat through a nightmare: There was no fight. The challenger kept running away from the hard-hitting champion, and even the partisan crowd booed Park's lack of fighting heart. WBA featherweight champion Esparragoza, 125½, looked disgusted by the negative performance of Park, 125¾, over 12 dull rounds. He kept his crown by unanimous decision at the Seoul Hilton Hotel. It was Esparragoza's seventh defense.

A walk through the Park

Ranked first, Park, a tall mover, was 8-2-2. Park had dethroned OPBF titlist Byung Soo Park to enter the top 10. Esparragoza, 29-1-1 (28), was a prohibitive favorite.

There was no action in the first four rounds, with Esparragoza stalking and Park running away. In round five, the Venezuelan champion was so frustrated that he asked American referee Rudy Battle to order the challenger to throw punches. But Park ignored Battle and remained negative. Had the fight been held in the United States, Park might have been disqualified, and his purse might have been withheld.

Instructed by trainer Amilcar Brusa, the champion began to utilize rough attacks in the sixth round. Park switched from his bicycle to a motorcycle, and trotted around the ring at the top speed, continually grabbing the Venezuelan's head. Battle didn't hesitate to deduct a point from Park for butting in round nine.

The only round Park took was the 10th, when the Korean, for the first time, turned loose and released good one-twos. In the 11th, Esparragoza was cut under the right eyebrow (caused by a butt). The champion tried to catch the Korean, who refused to stop his footwork and swap blows. This was probably the worst world title fight ever seen in Korea—or in the Orient.

Scores: Patricia Jarman (USA), 116-111, Fritz Werner (USA), 116-113, and Nicasio Lorenzo Drake (Panama), 115-114, all for Esparragoza. Drake might have seen a different fight. *The Ring* scored 119-111 for Esparragoza.

Promoter: Chong Young Kim's Hyundai Promotions

WBA Supervisor: Aurelio E. Fiengo (Panama)

Telecast nationwide by KBS-TV in Korea
(5-12-90)

Joe Koizumi

YUH MYUNG WOO-LEO GAMEZ

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—Woo, 108, successfully defended the WBA junior flyweight title for the 15th time, as he was awarded a split but popular decision over top contender Gamez, 107½, an unbeaten and hard-punching Venezuelan, over 12 hard-fought rounds at the Seoul Intercontinental Hotel. Woo looked an obvious winner, even if it were a close affair. He had the upper hand nearly all the way with his busy style. Gamez, a former WBA minimumweight champion, didn't show enough aggressiveness. Scores: Luis Rivera (USA), 116-113, Woo, Larry Hazzard Jr. (USA), 117-115, Woo, and Medardo Villalobos (Panama), 116-114, Gamez.

Gamez, 20-1 (14), was regarded as the most dangerous opponent of Woo's career. The 26-year-old Venezuelan was two inches shorter than the 5'4" Korean champion, but his arms

Champion Woo plays Gamez, and wins again

and torso looked more muscular. Gamez' best weapon was his right uppercut.

The 26-year-old Woo, always a skillful infighter, adopted a different fight plan by keeping the distance and trading jabs and straight punches. In the first three rounds, however, Gamez displayed superior jabs and drew blood from the champion's nose. But the cool Korean eventually solved the challenger's counterpunching strategy and fought back with hot three-punch combinations in the fourth.

Woo excelled in rounds five and six, when he connected with fast one-twos to the face of the ever-cautious Venezuelan, stalking him throughout.

The fight almost turned midway through the eighth. The champion mixed it up, exchanging toe to toe in the center of the ring. But Gamez proved more powerful when swapping solid punches. The challenger rocked Woo with solid rights, sending him to the ropes. Gamez went all-out for the knockout, but the crafty champion ducked and clinched and was saved by the bell.

There was a question as to why Gamez didn't start the ninth round more aggressively. It was Woo who attacked with jabs, one-twos, and three-punch combinations. Gamez responded with sporadic but strong punches, though he was often forced to backpedal. Woo bled again from the nose, but he had completely regained the momentum.

Woo set the pace in the 11th by throwing often, but Gamez exploded with wicked rights to the champion's face. Woo, who has never been knocked down, shook off the solid shots and fought back gamely. The last round saw hot rallies, with the contestants battling on even terms.

The baby-faced Woo, 34-0 (13), has a weight problem, and he wishes to move up to the 112-pound class. But he will likely have at least one more 108-pound title defense.

Referee: Larry Rozadilla (United States)

Promoter: Thomas Kim's Dong-A Promotions

TV: Telecast nationwide by MBC in Korea

(4-29-90)

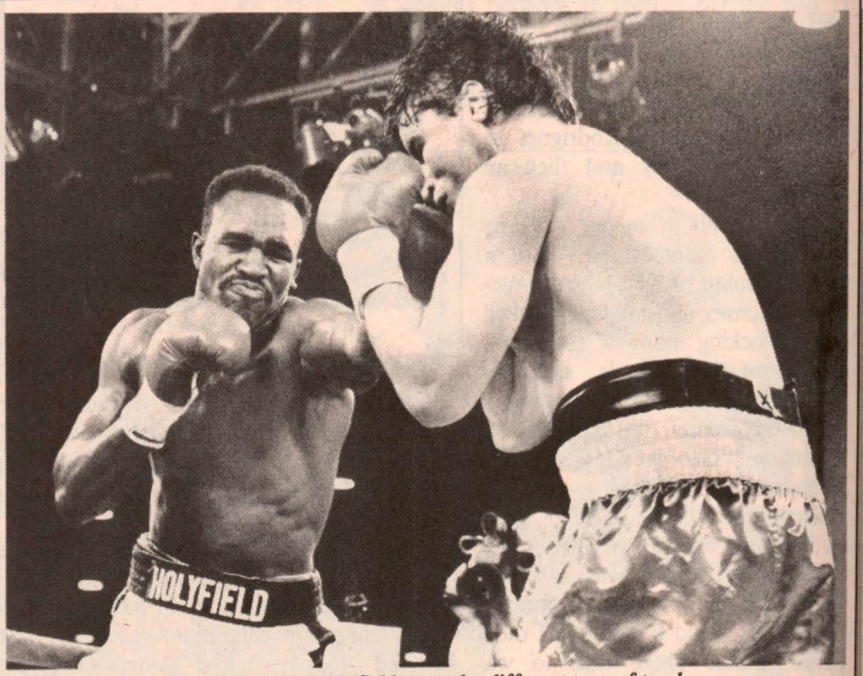
Joe Koizumi

EVANDER HOLYFIELD-SEAMUS McDONAGH

ATLANTIC CITY—"Every time you get into the ring, you take a chance," said number-one heavyweight contender Holyfield, who risked a mandatory title shot against Buster Douglas by taking on the hopelessly mismatched McDonagh. "But if you're going to be heavyweight champion of the world, you've got to take on all comers."

Picking the right "comers," of course, is the key. McDonagh, a face-first brawler of limited ability, proved the perfect foil. He charged right into the teeth of Holyfield's offense, bravely absorbing enough punishment for four rounds to earn his reported purse of $120,000. (Holyfield picked up a cool $1.2-million.)

McDonagh, a fleshy-looking 211¾, rushed out at the opening bell and plowed into Holyfield like a lineman throwing a block. Both men went



For McDonagh, Holyfield proved a different type of teacher

down, but if McDonagh thought he could bully Holyfield, he was sadly mistaken. Shortly after more orthodox action resumed, Holyfield decked his foe with a compact hook to the chin.

The New York City Irishman beat the count of referee Joe Cortez without difficulty, but was soon deposited back on the canvas when Holyfield connected with a right to the head. Once again McDonagh dragged himself to his feet.

Holyfield, 210, conducted a jabbing clinic in the second, repeatedly driving his left into McDonagh's handsome mug. The gulf in talent was so vast, it was hard not to feel sorry for the St. John's University student of English literature.

McDonagh abandoned his cautious approach in the third, and the heavyweights engaged in several spirited exchanges. The crowd of approximately 5,000 at Convention Hall enjoyed the action, but McDonagh was outpunched at every turn.

The fourth was barely underway when another toe-to-toe exchange brought the bout to its inevitable conclusion. McDonagh dug in his heels and traded, but just after he connected with a right to the head, he fielded a sweeping hook flush to the jaw. The power of Holyfield's haymaker propelled McDonagh halfway out of the ring. He came to rest draped across the bottom strand of rope, his arms and legs outstretched. He somehow managed to roll over and wobble to his feet before Cortez counted 10.

New Jersey boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard ordered the fight stopped. The official time was 44 seconds of round four.

"He's the hardest puncher I've ever fought, I'll tell you that," said McDonagh, 19-2-1 (14). "Evander is a great fighter, and he'll be heavyweight champion, believe me."

Holyfield, scheduled to challenge Douglas in September, is 24-0 (20).

In the semifinal, Philadelphia's Vinny Burgese, 141¼, left-hooked his way to an easy TKO over reluctant Darryl Richardson, 140, Portsmouth, Virginia. After taking two counts in the second round and another in the fifth, Richardson failed to answer the bell for round six. Burgese is 19-2-1 (11). Richardson dropped to 12-10-1.

TV: Showtime
(6-1-90)

Nigel Collins

MUANGSHAI KITTIKASEM-ABDI POHAN

BANGKOK, THAILAND—IBF junior flyweight champion Kittikasem showed defensive improvement, steadily piled up points, and defeated Indonesian challenger Pohan by unanimous decision over 12 fast-paced rounds at Lumpinee Stadium. It was Kittikasem's third defense.

The hard-hitting Thai faced a tougher opponent than expected. Pohan, 20-1 (5), was neglected due to his low kayo percentage. But the Indonesian had a good jab, fighting spirit, and durability. Upright stylist Pohan took the lead with stinging lefts in the first round. The cautious Kittikasem started firing in the second, throwing his one-two combinations.

The champion dominated the third through the ninth rounds with aggressive rallies. In the third, Kittikasem swarmed over his weaker rival with a flurry of punches and dropped him with a right. Upon Pohan's rise, the Thai furiously followed up. But Pohan showed great recuperative powers and retaliated with sharp jabs. Kittikasem won the fourth and fifth rounds, and shook the challenger in the sixth with a solid left hook and heavy combinations. Though methodical, Pohan was a well-conditioned athlete who absorbed much punishment and fought back.

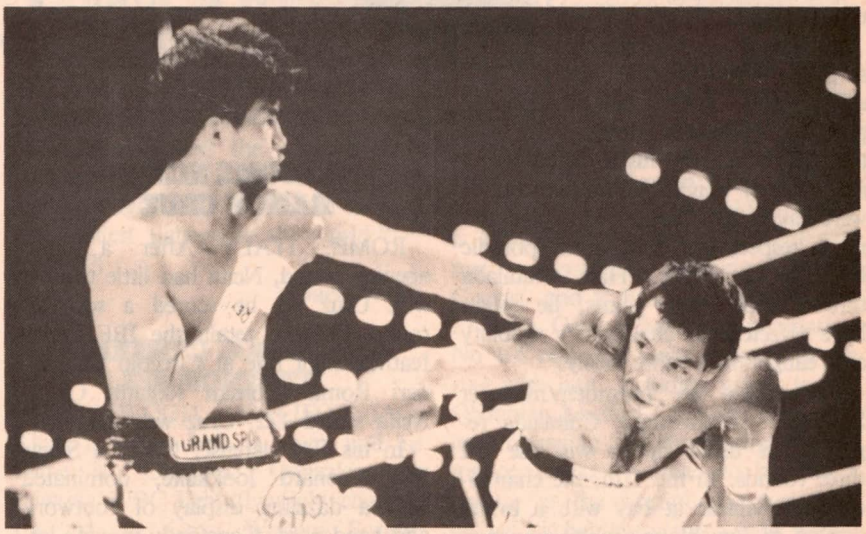
In the eighth, Kittikasem seemed to abandon his effort to finish his foe, and he began utilizing hit-and-run tactics. Pohan sensed the champion's fatigue and began coming forward. The more crafty Thai countered, however, sidestepping and circling.

The hot pace in the early rounds left Kittikasem looking tired by the 10th, while Pohan continued to throw plenty of straight punches. But most of his blows were slipped due to the champion's upper body movement. Still, Pohan took the round. The challenger was also in command in the 11th. In the last session, Pohan boldly gestured to the champion, "Come on!" Pohan seemingly could have fought 15 or 20 rounds. Though Kittikasem tired in the late stages, there was no question about his victory.

The scores: John Willer (Australia), 117-106, Vichai Srijamras (Thailand), 118-112, and Mohamad Binshek (Indonesia), 116-115. Kittikasem, 22, is 10-0 (6).

Referee: Bill Mail (Australia)
(4-10-90)

Joe Koizumi



Chitalada scores with a left against lefthander Salazar

SOT CHITALADA-CARLOS SALAZAR

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Defending champion Chitalada, 112, withstood a gash opened over his left eye in the sixth and retained the title by unanimous decision over Salazar, 111½, Argentina, at Army Stadium. The admission to this WBC flyweight title bout was free, as Mekong Whisky was celebrating its 50th anniversary. Some 20,000 fans attended.

Chitalada, who turned 28 in May, had problems prior to this bout. The Thai dismissed British trainer Charles Atkinson, claiming he no longer needed detailed instruction. Chitalada also suffered a bad cut during sparring, but insisted on engaging in the bout as

scheduled. The problems cost the champion a good performance.

Salazar, a 24-year-old southpaw, made one wonder why he traveled all the way to Thailand. The Argentine showed no aggressiveness, and was content to defend himself. Chitalada attacked, but he failed to lead with his dominant jab. He tried to land his big rights, but missed frequently. He nevertheless took six of the first seven rounds, losing only the third, in which Salazar countered well with lefts.

Chitalada was far from his top form, losing his balance and missing with big shots. Only his forward progress allowed him to control the first half of this monotonous contest.

Chitalada inexplicably stopped punching in the eighth and ninth rounds, probably because of fatigue that was caused by his reported severe reduction of weight. Those two rounds were taken by Salazar, who paid too much respect and only threw sporadic lefts to the face. Had Chitalada thrown more body shots, he might have affected the challenger's mobility and caught him more easily.

Encouraged by promoter/manager Sombhop Srisonvongse, Chitalada regained his usual zip to win the last three rounds. In the 11th, the champion kept Salazar at bay with a brutal display of low blows, rabbit punches, and pushing. The champion nailed his fading rival with a flurry of punches, but they were not accurate enough to finish Salazar. The verdict was unanimous: Kazunobu Asao (Japan), 117-112, Virgilio Garcia (Philippines), 117-112, and Malcolm Bulner (Australia), 116-113. It was Chitalada's second defense of his second reign, and his eighth defense overall. Chitalada, 21-2-1 (13), is slowing down, and will welcome the time to move up to the 115-pound class. Salazar fell to 20-2 (9).

In a supporting 12-rounder, Torsak Pongsupa, 115, looked sluggish but won a decision over Filipino Romeo Opriasa, 114¾, over 12 dull rounds. Pongsupa, 10-1 (8), retained the WBC International super flyweight title.
(5-1-90)

Joe Koizumi

Ncita gets belted in Rome

WELCOME NCITA-RAMON CRUZ

ROME, ITALY—After a close opening round, Ncita had little trouble with Cruz, as he scored a seventh-round TKO to retain the IBF junior featherweight title at Circcolo Cannottieri Roma (Roman Regatta Club). Ncita scaled 122; Cruz was 121½.

In his first defense, Ncita, a Sugar Ray Leonard lookalike, dominated with a dazzling display of footwork and handspeed. Constantly moving laterally, slipping punches, and darting in and out with a foray of jabs and right-hand bombs, the South African neutralized Cruz' pressure and sapped his strength and confidence.

Cruz had predicted a kayo within five rounds, but after a cautious start, Ncita took an irreversible command, staving off the relentless Puerto Rican by orchestrating a boxing ballet with accurate combinations to the head and body.

A picture-perfect uppercut to the jaw followed by a left hook to the body in the fifth round staggered the game but outclassed Cruz, who was unable to protect himself against the onsuing onslaught. Referee Frank Cappuccino halted any further carnage at 2:04 of the seventh round. The 24-year-old Ncita is 26-0 (13).

Ncita is managed by countryman Mzi Mnguni and trained by Luther Burgess of Detroit's Kronk Gym. At the champion's training camp in Genoa, Burgess appraised Ncita as the best fighter—pound for pound—in the world. The win did little to change his opinion.

Junior lightweight Jerry Ngobeni, 18-1 (12), Witbank, South Africa, closed Edward Pollard's right eye and took a unanimous eight-round decision over the Miami southpaw. Pollard is 16-10 (10).

In another scheduled eight, Antonio Perez, 25-8 (11), Mexico, upset the IBF's seventh-ranked junior bantamweight, Jaji Sibali, 13-3-1 (8), East London, via decision.

Promoters: Roberto Sabbatini, Cedric Kushner

Judges: Benedetto Montella, Nelson Vasquez, Stanley Berg
(6-2-90)

Dave Metzger

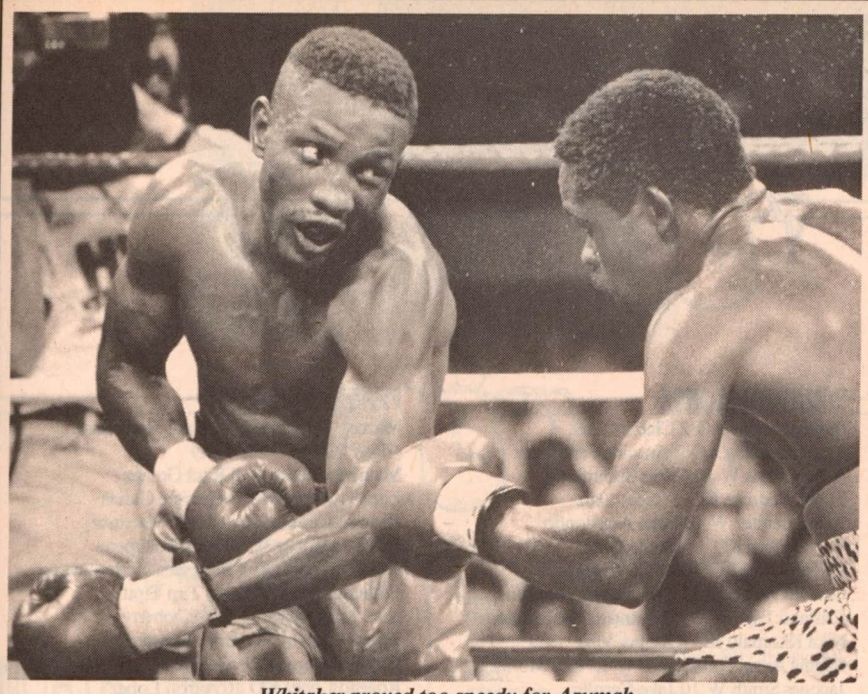
PERNELL WHITAKER-AZUMAH NELSON

LAS VEGAS—After leaving Nelson punching at shadows, the 26-year-old Whitaker, having defended the WBC and IBF lightweight titles via unanimous 12-round decision, picked up his $500,000 paycheck and immediately started talking about unifying the 135-pound championship against the WBA champion, Puerto Rico's Juan Nazario.

In preparing for Nelson, Whitaker, 135, knew he couldn't afford to look ahead. Nelson, 32, the rock-ribbed WBC super featherweight champion from Ghana, hadn't lost in nearly eight years. Still, he was a 4-1 underdog.

Nelson, 31-2 (24), earned $200,000 by spending 12 rounds trying to cut off the ring. But head and shoulder feints weren't going to set up any accurate combination punching. There were times when he missed so badly, he seemed likely to wrench a shoulder.

Whitaker, 22-1 (12), established the pattern of the fight in the first round, and it remained constant. Long right jabs to Nelson's face broke the challenger's punching rhythm and kept Nelson off-balance. Still, Azumah's relentless, if ineffective, pursuit earned Whitaker's respect and drew a roar from 3,283 fans in the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion when there was a hint of a rally. One such moment—there were few—came in the sixth round,



Whitaker proved too speedy for Azumah

when a Nelson body shot caused Whitaker to wince and briefly drop into a crouch. Still, before the round was over, Whitaker was in command again with sharp counterpunching.

From the seventh round on, the challenger needed a knockout. Two judges, however, tabbed it much closer than it seemed. Harry Gibbs and Sid Nathan, both from England, voted for Whitaker, 116-114 and 115-113, respectively. Las Vegas' Dalby Shirley scored a more realistic 116-111 for the Virginian. *The Ring's* scorecard was 117-112. The referee was Mills Lane, who deducted a point from Whitaker in round 12, when the champion hugged Nelson's right thigh and threw him off-balance.

Whitaker called the exercise "my toughest fight as a pro because this fight brought out the best in two of the greatest fighters in the world." (5-19-90)

Jack Welsh

HUMBERTO GONZALEZ-LUIS MONZOTE

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—There is a new hero in town, and his name is "Chiquita" Gonzalez, the reigning WBC light flyweight champion. At the Great Western Forum, Gonzalez, 107¾, Mexico City, had no trouble in retaining the title when he stopped challenger and fellow southpaw Monzote, 107, Miami via Cuba, after 54 seconds of the third round before an enthusiastic crowd of 5,966.

Making his first-ever appearance in the United States, Gonzalez sized up his opponent in the first round, as the challenger wisely kept his distance. Several strong Gonzalez lefts in the second gave notice to Monzote that it would be a physically unpleasant night, and at the start of the third, the challenger was floored with another left. More stunned than hurt, Monzote rose and carried on. But he was almost immediately sent down again from yet another chopping left. Again Monzote rose, and again Gonzalez tore into the hapless victim. Referee Dr. James Jen Kin had no choice but to stop the fight at the 54-second mark, before Monzote could have been really hurt.

The win took Chiquita to 27-0 (21). He has never lost a fight, having gone 23-0 (19) as an amateur. This was his third defense of the crown he won from Yul Woo Lee in June 1989.

In Mexico, the 24-year-old Gonzalez is known as a smaller version of former welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas, and is becoming second only to Julio Cesar Chavez in popularity. No 108-pounders want to get into the ring with him, including highly touted Olympian Michael Carbajal. Nevertheless, following this devastating performance, expect Gonzalez to become a regular at the Forum. He wants to defend his belt every six-to-eight weeks, and judging by this defense, he could be a champion for some time.

Monzote, rated first by the WBC, fell to 21-8 (7).

The main support was for the new International Boxing Council junior featherweight championship. Clashing were Joe Orewa, 119¾, Los Angeles, and Tommy Valdez, 122, Tijuana. Although the crowd was solidly behind the Mexican, Valdez received a boxing lesson from Orewa, who won a unanimous decision (scores of 118-112, 116-111, and 115-113). Orewa, coming off an upset of former 122-pound champion Juan Jose Estrada, fought for Nigeria in the 1984 Olympics. He is 18-4 (10). Valdez dropped to 31-4-1 (22).

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis (6-4-90)

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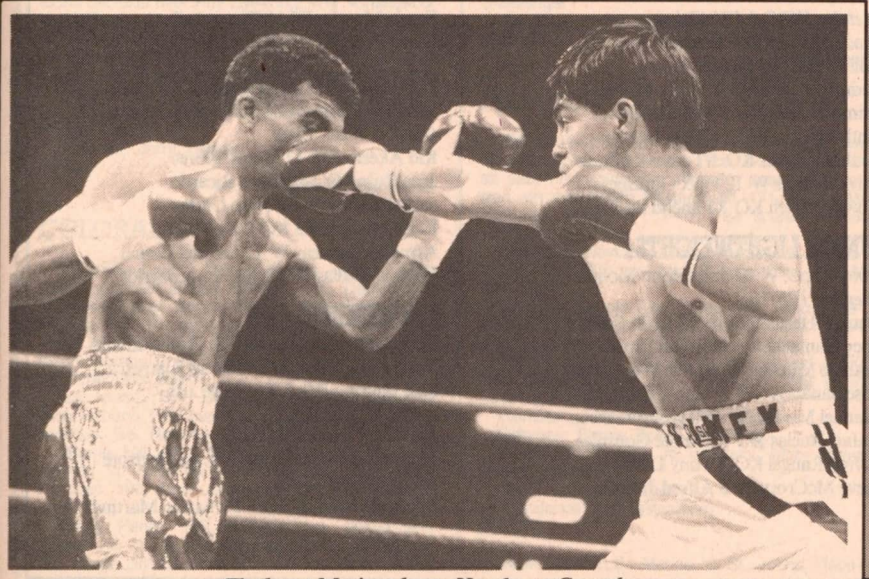

The latest Mexican hero: Humberto Gonzalez

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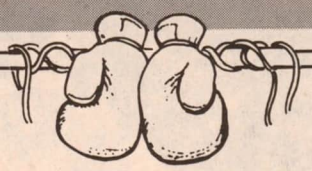

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Francesco Damiani KO 3 Tony Morrison
George Foreman KO 2 Adilson Rodrigues
Mark Wills KO 6 Greg Page
Ray Mercer KO 4 Lionel Washington
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Ricardo Cepeda KO 4 Jorge Martinez
Javier Marquez W 10 Paquito Openo
John Davison KO 5 Bangsaen Yodmuayang
Francisco Arreola W 12 Tim Tipton
Sean Murphy KO 3 John Doherty
James Pipps W 10 Ricky Alvarez
Guy Bellehigue KO 5 Herve Jacob
Rogelio Lopez KO 10 Aaron Lopez
Kennedy McKinney KO 7 Antonio Gonzalez
Kennedy McKinney KO 4 Chillo Guzman

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Luis Mendoza D 12 Ruben Palacios
(For Vacant WBA Title)
Welcome Ncita KO 7 Ramon Cruz
(Retains IBF Title)
Tracy Patterson KO 4 Carlos Vergara
Pedro Decima W 10 Pedro Villegas
Noree Jockygym KO 5 Kandan
Arcelio Diaz KO 10 Edgar Monserrat
Thierry Jacob KO 5 Dave John Long
Joe Orewa W 12 Tommy Valdez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Orlando Canizales KO 2 Paul Gonzales
(Retains IBF Title)
Orlando Canizales KO 6 Jesus Portillo
(Non-Title Bout)
Luisito Espinosa KO 8 Hurley Snead
(Retains WBA Title)
Pepillo Valdez KO 6 Guadalupe Rubio
Eddie Rangel KO 4 Carlos Ramirez
Billy Hardy KO 4 Miguel Pequeno
Fernie Morales W 10 Diego Avila
Isidro Perez KO 5 Carlos Salinas

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Sung Kil Moon KO 8 Gilberto Roman
(Retains WBC Title)
Kid Akeem KO 12 Memo Flores
Jose Ruiz KO 1 Richard Ricardo
Santos Laciar W 10 Juan Cortes
Kenji Matsumura KO 3 Al Vicen
Armando Salazar W 12 Gabriel Bernal
Gustavo Ballas W 10 Jose Luis Barrios

FLYWEIGHTS
Leopard Tamakuma KO 10 Flash Calonia
Yong Kang Kim KO 2 Champ Kiatpetch
Jose Quirino KO 2 Tony DeLuca

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Humberto Gonzalez KO 3 Luis Monzote
(Retains WBC Title)
Michael Carbajal KO 9 Fernando Martinez

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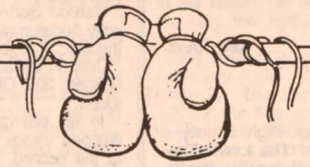

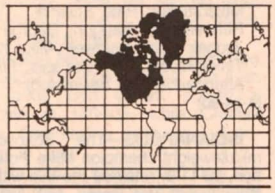

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

MOBILE—Mobile Fairgrounds—**Randall Yonker**, 173, 17-1 (15), knocked out **Kenneth Bentley**, 177, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 14-4, in the third round to avenge an amateur defeat. But it was by winning the bout the way he did that the Mobilian enhanced his reputation. Taking control at the opening gong, the Elvis lookalike repeatedly pinned the veteran against the ropes, then, with a short right uppercut, applied the *coup de grace* in a neutral corner. It was an auspicious managerial debut for former NFL star Kenny "Snake" Stabler.

In the semifinal, welterweight Floyd Williams, 9-0, scored a third-round kayo of Lee DeFrisee, 6-3.

Light heavyweight Robert Johnson stopped Jeff Bowman in three rounds.

Jerry Goff kayoed John Cannon in the third round; light heavyweights.

The most promising of the preliminary performers was lightweight Mark Smith, 4-0, who won a six-round decision over Roy Lee King. The "Chattanooga Kid" showed flashes of form that reminded boxing buffs of Sugar Ray Robinson.

Middleweight Keith Hicks brawled his way to a questionable split decision over Roosevelt Holmes.

Welterweight Andre Orso opened the show—and his pro career—with a one-round knockout over Reggie Forest.

Promoter: Jerry Tillman
(6-4-90)

Dr. Laurence F. McNamee

COLORADO

DENVER—Indoor Sports Arena—Junior lightweight prospect **Bobby Brewer**, 130, Denver, 9-3 (6), was all over **Jimmy Flores**, 131, Hobbs, New Mexico, from the opening bell. Brewer hurt Flores to the head and body and knocked him down twice before scoring a TKO at 2:18 of the first round of the scheduled eight.

Roy Muniz, 131, Denver, 10-8-2 (7), scored a second-round TKO over Chino Sanchez, 130, Albuquerque, 5-5. Referee: Novar Garcia.

Jerome Hill, 181, Denver, boxed beautifully in winning a unanimous six- rounder from Ray Pacheco, 180, Albuquerque. Hill is 5-2-1; Pacheco 1-1-1.

Danny Perez, 162, Albuquerque, boxed and banged his way to a unanimous four-round decision over tough Jim Saulnier, 164, Aurora. Perez is 5-0; Saulnier 0-2.

An entertaining battle of first-time pros saw southpaw Larent Warrior, 126, Albuquerque, decision Denver's Billy Yeoman, 125, over four.

Promoter: Vic Robinson
Matchmaker: Tom Quinn
Judges: Gene Jones, Ed Walsh, Pat Chaney, Bill Yeoman
Attendance: 400 (esitmated)
(5-5-90)

DENVER—Indoor Sports Arena—**Tony Biglen**, 152, Denver, won a 12-round unanimous decision over **John Welters**, 154, Thorton. While less than dynamic, Biglen at least was aggressive. Welters' only proven weapon, an overhand right, seldom left the launching pad even though Biglen's sloppy charges provided continuous opportunity for him to land the big bomb. Biglen dropped Welters with a chopping right in the second for the bout's only knockdown. Biglen is 9-1-1 (5); Welters 20-3 (10).

Berry Basler, 174, Denver, took a unanimous nod over Randy McCall, 170, Kansas City, in an earnest but unschooled four.

Billy Burden, 144, Denver, 1-0, and Rick Basler, 141, Blue Sky, Montana, 0-1, provided an entertaining four rounds of clean boxing.

Dave Green, 310, Colorado Springs, lost a clownish four-round decision to Craig Sanders, 245, Golden.

Woman's action saw Tracy Prestige, 128, Kansas City, win a four-round split nod over Edith Duran, 131, Denver.

Louella Burgess, Kansas City, had to settle for a technical draw when her middleweight opponent, Cynthia Jones, Denver, claimed a shoulder injury just seconds after the opening bell.

Promoter: Vern Stevenson
Referees: Magarito Berzoza, Felipe Garcia
Judges: Tony Guardado, Steve Juntunsen, Ray Shoeninger
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(5-19-90)

Ed Walsh

FLORIDA

HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium—**Freddie Sanchez-Martinez**, 162, Puerto Rico, 8-0, pounded out an easy and uninspired 10-round unanimous decision win over **Salim Muhammad**, 171, Miami. Muhammad slipped to 11-4-1. The scores: 100-90, 100-90, and 99-91.

Bravilio Santiesteban, 137, Miami, 18-1, scored a fourth-round TKO over Miguel Angel Pino, 136, Miami, 3-3.

Nineteen-year-old Alex Perez, 132, Miami, 3-0-1, knocked out Rafael Forti, 135, Homestead, 7-4, with a vicious uppercut at 2:12 of the second.

Osvaldo Castro, 163, Miami, 6-0, scored a TKO over Bill Goodman, 158, Miami, at 1:19 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter: Julio Martinez Promotions
Referees: Bernie Soto, Juan Arias
Judges: Rick Bays, Al Wilensky, Mary Mosca, Robert Balogh
Timekeeper: Sam Guralnick
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(3-30-90)

JACKSONVILLE—Marina at St. Johns Place—**Alphonso "The Hawk" Walker**, 137¾, Jacksonville, 15-1-1, won an eight-round unanimous decision over **Gavin Goleman**, 139½, Theodore, Alabama, 8-5.

Welterweights Larry Nichols, 149½, Pensacola, 12-6-2, and Lee Fortune, 147½, Silver Creek, Georgia, 11-0-1, fought to an eight-round draw.

Felix Camacho, 122½, Clewiston, 10-1, stopped Billy Thomas, 126½, Pensacola, 6-3, at 1:50 of the second.

Carlos Morales, 150¼, Miami, 2-0, knocked out Kenny Jones, 146½, Orlando, 0-2, at 1:07 of the first.

Derrick Parks, 137½, Easton, Pennsylvania, 3-0, TKO'd Dan Koerner, 137½, Jacksonville, at 2:28 of the first.

Debuting Jerry Villareal, 148, Allen Park, Michigan, and Fernando Ruperto, 143, Orlando, 2-0-1, battled to a four-round draw.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions, Inc. (Phil Myers)
Referees: Telis Assimenios, Peter Bartlett
Judges: Charles VanDeBoe, Howard Reichbach, Al Lombardi, Richard Hillman
Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(4-6-90)

MIAMI—U.S.A. Flea Market—Promoter/matchmaker Al Bonanni and the owners of this venue came up with an innovative, and apparently successful, concept of marketing this seven-bout card featuring world-ranked junior middleweight **Glenn "The Big Bad" Wolfe**. Fans could do their shopping and then watch the fights for an admission charge of $5, which included a hot dog and a beer. About 1,000 people took advantage of the deal.

Wolfe, 159, Miami, took apart **Rickey Stephens**, 159, Bogalusa, Louisiana, 11-7-2, with wicked hooks and uppercuts to the body and knocked him out with a left hook to the head at 1:29 of the second; scheduled for 10. Wolfe, 28-1-1, is ranked number two by the IBF.

The best fight was a six-round draw between Darryl Pinckney, 126½, Hollywood, and Alberto Zuluaga, 127, Miami.

In a matchup of heavyweights that unexpectedly went the six-round distance, Bruce "The Atlantic City Express" Seldon, 220, pounded out a unanimous decision over gutsy Danny Wofford, 213, Forest City, North Carolina. Seldon is 12-0; Wofford 8-9-1. The scores were 60-54 (twice) and 59-55.

Johnnie McClendon, 155½, Opa-Locka, 6-2-1, floored Carlos Montero, 156, Miami, 5-2, in the final round of his spirited six-round unanimous points win (57-56 on all three scorecards).

Angel Garcia, 129, Miami, won an unpopular majority decision over Michael McClendon, 130, Miami, 3-5-1. Most fans thought that McClendon, Johnnie's brother, had done enough to win, especially in light of a furious sixth round, in which he rained punches on Garcia, 9-4-1. But the judges didn't see it that way; the scores were 59-56, 59-55, and 57-57.

Debuting Rick Sanchez, 201, Miami, stopped Brian Spicer, 231, Miami, 0-2, in the fourth and final round. Neither man has many skills, but they were evenly matched.

Former WBC junior bantamweight champion Sugar Baby Rojas, now campaigning as a junior featherweight, 30-3-1, and Pedro Laza, 29-4, met in a three-round exhibition.

Matchmaker Al Bonanni
Promoter: Tiburon Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Armando Garcia, Jorge Ortiz
Judges: Rick Bays, Mark Streisand, Fran Boyd, Al Wilensky
Timekeeper: Sam Guralnick
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(4-7-90)

MIAMI—Mahi Temple—World-ranked junior welterweight **Angel Hernandez** didn't have any trouble keeping **Al "UFO" Hamza**, 141½, Chicago, 24-5, from winning, but he did have trouble keeping him out of his face over 10 rugged, dirty, brawling rounds. Brawling is not Hernandez' style, but he was forced to fight fire with fire to keep from being butted, elbowed, and pushed out of the ring.

It was an intense, yet ugly brawl, as Hernandez, 140¾, Puerto Rico, 34-0-2, won just about every round en route to a unanimous decision. The scores (100-90, 99-90, and 99-89) reflected Hernandez' dominance.

In the co-main event, 34-year-old former WBA bantamweight champion Julian Solis, 125, Puerto Rico, 40-10-1 (19), knocked down Angel Mike Cruz, 126, Miami Beach, 18-2 (11), in the last 25 seconds of the first round, and knocked him out 50 seconds into the second.

Cruiserweight Phillip Jackson, 193, Miami, looks

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better and better with each fight. He stopped last-minute replacement Rick Spain, 204½, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:30 of the third. The 25-year-old Jackson is 12-0; Spain 18-9.

In the walkout, Jorge Romero, 126¾, Miami, 20-0-1, stopped Quincy Pratt, 126, Nassau, 6-3, at 30 seconds of the sixth; scheduled for eight.

Gary Peters, 193¾, Davie, dropped Antonio Whiteside, 186, Taylors, South Carolina, twice en route to a second-round TKO. Peters is 11-6; Whiteside is 2-5. Bill Connors refereed.

Russell Watson, 238, Miami, scored a TKO over John Johnson, 221½, Miami Beach, at 45 seconds of the second round. Watson is 4-1; Johnson 4-3.

Promoter: Uppercut Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Eddie Eckert, Bill Connors
Judges: Rick Bays, Mark Streisand, Robert Balogh, Fran Boyd, Mary Mosca
Timekeeper: Roy Carlson
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
Television: USA Network
(4-10-90)

Ken Knox

ILLINOIS

WEST AURORA—West Aurora High School—**Curtis Strong** gave local **Jessie "The Law" Torres** a lesson in endurance, retaining his Illinois State junior lightweight title in a 10-round draw. The fans were treated to an early candidate for Fight of the Year honors.

The right uppercuts of Strong, 15-3-2, did more damage than the left hooks of Torres, 9-2-2, who eventually faded.

The decision was rightfully close: 47-45 for Torres, 46-45 for Strong, and 46-46. *The Ring* gave the nod to Strong, 47-45. Both want a rematch.

Kronk prospect Leeonzer Barber, 174, Detroit, 5-1, kayoed Elvis Parks, 176, Chicago, at 1:20 of the second round. An accidental clash of heads produced a deep cut over Barber's left eye, and almost resulted in a technical stoppage.

Darren Allen, 169, Columbus, 7-0, won an easy six-round decision against Ron Lewis, 168, Benton Harbor, 3-14.

Cliff Jacobs, 127, Chicago, won a questionable four-round decision over Kim Jackson, 133, Elkhardt, Indiana. Jackson, 6-7, dominated the first two rounds then ran out of gas, allowing the limited Jacobs to pull ahead. It looked more like a draw, but Jacobs, 2-2, got the nod.

Ismael Gonzales, 160, Aurora, 8-1, won via disqualification over outclassed Terry Parnham, 154, Benton Harbor. Gonzales had Parnham down twice during the first two frames, then the holding began. Referee Stanley Berg warned Parnham three times, but Parnham hugged his foe like a long- lost lover. Berg ended the romance at 40 seconds of round two.

Anthony Ivory, 153, Chicago, 6-1, scored a TKO over David Pearson, 160, Gary, at 28 seconds of the fourth round.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner/Aurora Police Department
Referees: Stan Berg, Tim Adams, Pete Podgorski
Timekeeper: Kenny Kinch
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen
Attendance: 1,450 (estimated)
(3-24-90)

CHICAGO—International Ampetheater—**Luis "KO" Mateo**, 24-6-1, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Krystal "Kid" Clayton**, 10-15, for the state super middleweight title. Mateo, 24-6-1, fighting at almost 20 pounds over his best weight, was dwarfed by the 6'4" Clayton, who was dropped in round three.

During an exciting sixth round, Clayton was floored twice; Mateo once. In the seventh and eight, Mateo nailed Clayton, 10-15, below the belt three times, the latter two requiring recovery time. Mateo was penalized agian for low blows in the 10th.

Scores of 45-42, 45-41, and 45-39 gave Mateo the unanimous decision. *The Ring* scored for Mateo, 45-44.

In the co-main feature, James "Jazzy" Flowers, 174, Chicago, 4-2, upset Tony "The Rock" LaRosa, 175, 12-2, taking the state light heavyweight crown with a unanimous points win. Flowers scored with fast combinations, then slowed the tempo by leaning on LaRosa, who looked a bit confused.

"Stormin" Ron Amundsen, 158, 19-3-1, had to get off the canvas to stop Bobby Brown, 154, 0-11, at 2:09 of the fourth round, scheduled for 10.

David "The Silent Bomber" Davis, 162, 17-3-1, a deaf mute, took a questionable majority decision over Ron Lewis, 168, 3-15, in a six.

Javier Roman, 125, 26-8, won a split decision over tough local journeyman Gerald "Weasel" Shelton, 129, in six rounds.

Promoter: Sam Fronteras
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen
Judges: Gino Rodriguez, Mike Glienna, Jerry Jakubco, Collins Brown
Timekeeper: Al Tremari
Referees: Stan Berg, Tim Adams, Brian O'Shea
Announcer: Ben Bentley
Attendance: 1,532
(3-30-90)

John Siuntres

INDIANA

SHELBYVILLE—National Guard Armory—**Craig Houk, 150**, Greensburg, 16-1, won an action-packed 10-round decision over game **Billy Turner**, 156, Oklahoma City. Turner was down four times late in the contest but hung on to finish. All three judges gave Houk the decision by scores of 100-86.

Vernon Garrett, 140, Oklahoma City, won a majority decision over Hector Ramirez, 145, Columbus, Indiana, in a four-rounder.

Jimmy Baker, 204, Columbus, kayoed Steve O'Brien, 205, Oklahoma City, at 2:02 of the opening round.

In his pro debut, Corkey Lonaker, 135, Hope, stopped Vance McIntosh, 136, Scottsburg, at 1:50 of the second.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, George DeFabis
Judges: John Caldwell, Mike Kelley, Mike Sergi
Timekeepers: Ellie DeFabis, Fred Jones
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(4-14-90)

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood Club—State middleweight champion **Mike Pollitt**, 159, New Lisbon, 23-11-3, retained the title with an eighth-round stoppage of **Tim Bryan**, 160, New Palestine, 12-4-1. Pollitt was felled in round two and suffered a cut over his right eye in round seven. But he recovered to flatten Bryan with two knockdowns in the eighth.

In a six-round war, Willie Jake, 182, Indianapolis, floored Dino Stewart, 179, Muncie, in round two and won a tough but unanimous decision.

Veteran Jeff Hanna, 132, Brownsburg, TKO'd Floyd Buckley, 127¼, Anderson, at 1:20 of round three.

Reuben Ruiz, 165, Indianapolis, won a hard fought four-round split decision over Randy Handshoe, 153, Kendallville.

Shannon Landberg, 163, Lafayette, got a four-round nod over Richard Wilson, 168, Sioux City, Iowa.

Grayson Handshoe, 170, Kendallville, made it a quick evening when he TKO'd Burke Millis, 174½, New Castle, at 2:22 of the opening stanza.

Attendance: 700 (estimated)
Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, Gary Guiden
Judges: Charlie Tudor, Lance Rhodes, Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Fred Jones, Jim Paton
(5-8-90)

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood—**Terry Thomas**, 147, Lafayette, 15-0-1 (2), won an eight-round unanimous decision over southpaw **Rod Blanks**, 145, Mobile, Alabama. Thomas, who seemed to have some problems with his left-handed opponent, scored effectively with the right lead. The scorecards read 80-72, 77-76, and 78-74.

Jim Kaczmarek, 142, South Bend, scored a third-round TKO over Richard Beck, 144, Mobile, Alabama.

Ken Brown, 148, Ft. Wayne, won a four-round unanimous nod over Reggie Strickland, 150, Cincinnati.

In the best fight of the evening, Michael Orr, 138, Indianapolis, 1-0, earned a unanimous decision over Joe Pritchett, 140, Mobile, Alabama.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, George DeFabis, Gary Guiden
Judges: Fred Jones, Mike Sergi, John Caldwell, Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Ellie DeFabis, Harold Paton
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-22-90)

Gary L. Merritt

MAINE

LEWISTON—Central Main Civic Center—Late sub **Nelson Rodriguez** gave hometown hero **Joey Gamache** all he could handle in their IBF Interconti-

nental junior lightweight title bout, but Gamache's hand speed was ultimately the difference, as he retained the belt with a unanimous 12-round decision.

Gamache had originally been scheduled to meet California's Tommy Cordova, the slugging star of numerous ESPN bouts. Cordova couldn't pass neurological tests in his home state however, and Maine officials would not accept him as an opponent. Roughly a week before the bout, Rodriguez, 130, Puerto Rico, stepped in, hoping to rejuvenate his career among the junior lightweights after a featherweight run that reached its zenith in 1986, when he drew over 10 rounds with future champion Antonio Esparragoza.

Gamache's corner pleaded with him to be smart and outbox Rodriguez. "There was too much headbanging going on," said Gamache's trainer, Tony Lampron. "The most dangerous time was whenever they were in close. Punching with a guy like this is not a smart fight."

Gamache, 130, 19-0 (11), began by following the prescribed strategy, dazzling Rodriguez with his left jab, crossing with an occasional right, and dancing away from trouble. But before long, the boxer in the pink spangled trunks was wading in and meeting Rodriguez, 19-6-2 (13), on his turf. "I probably fought him a little more than they wanted me to," Gamache would say later, "but I found that it was actually safer once I got inside. He had his head down so that whenever I threw a shot, our heads hit first, so I had to watch that."

It was a very exciting fight. They went toe-to-toe most of the way. Gamache proved he can mix it up on the inside. Judge Don O'Neill scored a Gamache whitewash at 120-108, while Charles Dwyer and Clark Sammartino both saw it for Gamache by 118-110.

Three six-rounders and a four-rounder filled out the card. Steve Manfredo, 160, Providence, Rhode Island, won a unanimous six-round decision over John Saunders, 157½, Norton, Massachusetts. Manfredo is 10-2-1 (3).

Rick Craney, 155, Bath, Maine, returned to the ring after a five-year absence, dominated, and finally stopped Johnny Redd, 147, Springfield, Massachusetts, in round five of the scheduled six.

The other six-rounder saw Bernard Boisvert, 143, Auburn, take a split decision over Springfield's Pat Ireland, 144½. Boisvert is 3-1; Ireland fell to 7-3 (2).

The four-round heavyweight bout was the focus of much controversy. Local favorite Mark Machain, 228, Rutland, Vermont, won a spilt decision over Boston's Sean Jones, 197, much to the surprise of those on hand. Jones' manager Nuno Cam lodged an immediate protest, and one of the ringside officials acknowledged the Pine Tree state's lack of experienced judges. Pending reversal, the result leaves Machain 2-0, and Jones 0-2.

Promoters: Joe Gamache Sr., Johnny Bos
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos
Gross: $62,000 (estimated)
Attendance: 3,774
(4-16-90)

AUGUSTA—Civic Center—**Joey Gamache**, 20-0 (13), utilized his superior hand speed in a 10-round cakewalk over awkward **Bryan Brown**, 133½, Evansville, Indiana, 17-7-1, who lacked the speed and power to bother the winner.

Gamache, 134½, Lewiston, has spent the past year maneuvering for a shot at Brian Mitchell's WBA 130-pound title, but this bout was designed as a foray into the lightweight ranks.

The scores were 100-90 (twice) and 99-92.

"I felt a little lethargic out there, and maybe it's the extra weight," Gamache said while soaking his damaged left knuckle in an ice bucket.

An entertaining semifinal featured veteran Edwin Curet, 145, Puerto Rico, 27-8-2, who outboxed Little Rock, Arkansas' John Dobbins, 148, to win a unanimous eight-round decision. Dobbins is 20-15-2 (13).

The best four-rounder saw Providence, Rhode Island, heavyweight Steve Cruel, 207, 1-1, score a first-round TKO over a pudgy Mark Machain, 223, Rutland, Vermont.

Louis Veader, 156, Providence, won a workmanlike four-round duke over John Saunders, 158, Revere, Massachusetts.

A rugged scrap between Portland's Danny Melendez, 125, 5-2 (3), and Springfield's Adam Aviles, 123, ended at 1:10 of the second round of a scheduled four, when Aviles' corner threw in the towel.

Referees: Rene Laliberte, Mark Landry
Judges: James Daugherty, Bob Morey, George Gendron
Timekeeper: Bud Raymond
Physician: Dr. Tom Scantlebury
Promoter: Joe McCarthy (with Joe Gamache Sr. and Johnny Bos)
Attendance: 3,500 (estimated)
Gross: $60,000 (estimated)
(Ringside fans included U.S. Senator William Cohen, and a very vigorous 83-year-old Paul Junior, the Lewiston native who was the first Maine boxer to fight for a world title.)
(5-18-90)

Jay N. Miller

MARYLAND

PIKESVILLE—Pikesville Armory—**Ron Essett**, 167½, Baltimore, 21-3-2 (12), won a boring 10-round unanimous decision over **Charles "Machine Gun" Campbell**, 168, Phoenix. Campbell, 18-7 (11), a tall southpaw, had beaten Esset in June, 1986.

"My style is very conservative," said Essett. "I waste very few punches. My style is to beat the guy to the punch. I'm out there to win the fight. There are very few fighters in the world that can beat me."

The other 10-rounder had highly touted Antonio DeBarros, 138, Camp Spring, knocking out Eduardo "The Panther" Valdez, 144, Miami, at 2:37 of the first round. DeBarros hardly broke a sweat in improving to 18-1-1 (12), and Valdez dropped to a reported 24-15. Referee: Terry Moore.

Percy "Show No Mercy" Harris, 165, Laurel, Maryland, had his hands full against a very tough Dan "Mad Dog" Mitchell, 169, Pittsburgh, in winning an eight-round unanimous decision. The bout, which was the most entertaining and exciting of the evening, had the taller Harris, 8-0 (7), showing quicker hands and more elusive moves in frustrating Mitchell, 9-7 (3), who came to brawl. Referee: Milton Greene

Good-looking welterweight Tom "Altar Boy" Alexander, 146½, Pittsburgh, 9-2 (5), showed patience and ring intelligence in counterpunching Chris Lucas, 149, Hagerstown, 4-3, to a fifth-round TKO at 2:37 of a scheduled six.

Greg "Head" Linver, 183, Pittsburgh, caught debuting southpaw Alan "The Rock" Blyweiss, 185, Pikesville, with a straight right in the second round. Although Blyweiss beat the count, referee Milton Greene allowed Linver to land it again before stopping it at 1:42 of a scheduled four. Linver is 3-2.

Casey McCready, 129, Glen Burnie, 2-0, won a unanimous four-round decision over Billy Jasnowski, 127, Hillcrest Heights, 2-2. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Cecil Sims, 165, Baltimore, made his debut in stylish fashion by flattening Don Crudup, 169, Baltimore, 1-2, with the classic one-two. Crudup was out for several minutes, making referee Karl Mulligan's count to 10 merely routine.

Promoter: Baltimore Professional Bouts, Stuart Satosky
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos
Timekeeper: Harry Cecchini
Ring Announcer: Tony Baldoni
Referees: Terry Moore, Larry Barrett, Karl Milligan, Ray Klingmeyer, Milton Greene
Attendance: 1,250 (estimated)
(4-18-90)

Fred Blumstein

ROCKVILLE—Holiday Inn—**Richard "Hard Face" Mason**, 196, Rockville, the IBF's fifth-rated cruiserweight, scored a second-round TKO over **Rick Lainhart**, 199, Virginia Beach. Referee: Milton Greene. Mason is 15-2-1 (11); Lainhart 13-10.

Les Johnson, 152, Rockville, won a unanimous four-round decision over Tyrell Davis, 154, Pittsburgh. All three judges scored 40-36. Referee: Ray Klingmeyer.

Aaron Smith, 152, Rockville, scored a hit-and-run win over Jorge Nina, 154, New York, over six rounds. The tall, lanky Smith used his height and reach advantages to gain the win. All judges had it 60-55. Referee: Klingmeyer.

Juan Negron, 130, New York, 4-0, floored Wilredo De La Cruz, 134, Rockville, 15 seconds into their bout and dominated the six-round bout. Scores were 60-54, 60-54, and 60-52. Referee: Milton Greene.

Promoters: Don and Kip Elbaum
Judges: Frankie Kelly, Karl Mulligan, Terry Moore
Attendance: 536
(5-21-90)

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The festivities featured **Tyrell Biggs**, 225, Philadelphia, 18-3, scoring a second-round TKO over journyman **Rick Keller**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 15-27-1.

Kenny Gould, 13-0 (7), 147, Rockford, Illinois, came out in the Kronk red and gold and scored a one-sided decision over Gary Smith, Detroit, 7-3 (5), 150½.

Rising star James Toney, 163, Ann Arbor, 17-0 (11), the state middleweight champion, scored a fifth-round kayo over Toby Tyler, 12-4 (4), 162, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kronk class of '89 member Oba Carr's bout fell out, but he got to watch classmate Warren Kilgore, 2-1 (1), 142¼, Detroit, give his all to win a hard-fought unanimous decision against another former amateur standout, Kevin Vining, Monroe, 2-1 (1), 142¼, who kept at it right up to the final bell. This action-packed fight found Kilgore collapsing at the bell.

Todd Riggs, 152, Monroe, evened his record at 1-1-1 (1) with a unanimous decision over a tired Kevin Hicks, 154, 2-1. It was a spirited battle by these young gladiators, but Riggs persisted and kept pounding.

Transplanted African Hiskia Swartz, 4-0-1 (3), 153, Detroit, scored a fourth- round kayo over Marlon Jackson, 154, Pontiac, Michigan, 1-2.

A heavyweight attraction between two big guys saw a unanimous win for Kermit Fitzpatrick, Highland Park, 239, over Cleveland's Eli Dixon, 240, in their four-rounder.

Kevin Whaley-El, Auburn Hills, 4-1 (2), won a unanimous decision over Jeff Schiek, 1-1 (1), 160, Toledo, Ohio.

Promoter: Ringside Productions
Matchmaker: Tom Vacca
Commission: Jim Burch, John Jackson, Jim Cullen, Dolph Ploehn
Physicians: Dr. Michael Sherbin, Dr. Saul Shapiro
Referees: Sam Williamson, Marv McDonald
Judges: Bill Miley, Chip Acey, Phil Ladoceur
Announcer: Wally Jackson
Timekeeper/Knockdowns: Ken Pace, William Hunter Jr.
TV: PASS Cable
Attendance: 16,707
(4-5-90)

Tom Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Roy Wilkins Auditorium—The main event saw St. Paul's **Mike "The Rice Street Rocker" Evgen**, 11-0, win an exciting eight-round unanimous decision over **Henry "Goodtime" Mobley**, Chicago, 13-23, in a junior welterweight match. Referee: Denny Nelson.

In the co-main event, undefeated Minneapolis middleweight Dan Schommer, 26-0-1, scored an easy third-round kayo over Leroy Hester, Orlando, Florida.

Terry Ford, Racine, Wisconsin, 8-1, won a six-round split decision over Walter (Raheem Muhammad) Cowans Jr., Minneapolis, 17-56-1; junior welterweights.

John Sargent, Naytawaush, 3-0, had little trouble knocking out Keith Frasher, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 0-1, in the first round; heavyweights.

Gerald Shelton, Chicago, 3-13-1, used his experience to stop overmatched Scott Robinson, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, 1-1, in the fifth session; junior lightweights.

Frank Newton, St. Paul, 4-1-1, and Jerry Cody, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 3-7-1, battled to a four-round middleweight draw.

Promoter: Erin Productions, Inc.
Attendance: 2,452
(5-1-90)

George D. Blair

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—In his first 10-round main event, **Carl "The Squirrel" Daniels** survived a surprise first-round knockdown and went on to knock out **Anthony Bryant** 30 seconds into the ninth round of their junior middleweight bout. Daniels, 151, St. Louis, 16-0 (11), regrouped in the second round, knocking down Bryant, 149, Nashville, Tennessee, 19-7 (13), and dominating the remainder of the bout. A straight right by Daniels early in the ninth put the Tennesseean down and out.

Syd Taylor, 178, St. Louis, 19-6, behind on all three scorecards, stopped Tom Lins, 182, Milwaukee, by TKO at 1:45 of the sixth round of their eight-round light heavyweight bout.

Steve Zouski, Milwaukee, 21-7, won a unanimous decision over Steve Mormino, St. Louis, 16-11, in a six-round heavyweight bout. The judges voted 60-54, 59-54, and 58-57.

Roy Richie, St. Louis, 3-0, won by TKO at 1:30 of the second over Jordan Keepers, Beloit, Wisconsin, 7-7, in a six-round light heavyweight contest.

Andre Nelson, Detroit, 7-1, won by kayo 1:13 first round over Tim Hamilton, Oklahoma City, 3-3, in another six-round light heavyweight bout.

Stanley Lee, St. Louis, 3-0, gained a split decision over Darwin Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee, 5-4, in a four-round middleweight fight. The scores were 40-36 (twice) for Lee, and 40-34 for Johnson.

In the opener, Clarence Adams, Carmi, Illinois, 2-0, won a unanimous four-round decision over Johnny Higgins, St. Louis, 0-2; featherweights.

Promoter: Jim Howell's Gateway Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(4-16-90)

Brent Williams

MONTANA

HELENA—Civic Center—**Wallid Underwood**, 148, Seattle, banged out **John Edwards**, 146, Billings, 6-6-2, at 1:33 of round three in a scheduled 10. Former middleweight champion Gene Fulmer refereed. The show was billed as the 30th anniversary of Fullmer's championship draw with Joey Giardello.

Five fighters made their pro debuts. Heralded John Sinclair, 156, Helena, 1-0, had a rough go, stopping Dusty Brown, 161, Missoula at 2:17 of the second round.

Robert Gonyea, 161, Butte, 1-1, took a six-round unanimous decision over Brian Fleming, 160, Boise, 3-3.

Martin Stanley, 147, Great Falls, 1-0, scored a second-round TKO over Shawn Gregory, 146, Missoula, 0-1.

Frank Cassell, 146, Kent, Washington, 1-0, won a four-round unanimous decision over Russell Briggs, 149, Great Falls, 1-1 (1).

Promoter: Gary Langley
Referees: Kevin McCarl, Gene Fullmer
Judges: Neal Kirkness, Joe Antonietti, Lyal Brugman, Bill Harrington
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(4-28-90)

Ed Walsh

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN—Lincoln Fairgrounds Building—Battling for the Midlands' light heavyweight championship, defender **Carlos Santistivan**, Lincoln, edged **Kenny Schaefer**, Ralston, Nebraska, in an exciting 12-round contest. Santistivan's bulling and crowding tactics forced Schaefer to give ground time and again. It was Schaefer's first loss.

In excellent semi-final action, Omaha's snappy Ray Domenge, 164, scored a third-round TKO over Jeff Gettemy, 164, Denison, Iowa, in a scheduled six.

Heavyweight action: Troy Burg, 251, was knocked out in the first round by Wimpy Halstead, 225, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Veteran scrapper Felix "The Cat" Dubray, 141, Hallam, needed only two rounds to dispose of tough Ken Moody, Crete.

Tony Manefee, 145, Lincoln, outpointed Tom Hoffman, 144, Norfolk, via four-round unanimous decision. Tony is the son of Ray Manefee, probably the best fighter Lincoln has ever produced.

Issac Quarles, 165, Lincoln, won a unanimous decision over veteran Wayne Grant, 165, Omaha, in a good four-rounder.

Promoters: F&F Berns, Ray Manefee
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Larry Emary, Doug Emary, Ron Stander
Judges: Mike Wilson, Mike McGinnis
Attendance: 1,034
(5-19-90)

OMAHA—Peoney Park Ballroom—**"Irish" Dan Murphy**, Ft. Calhoun, 28-4-1, saw his home state win streak, and his reign as Midlands' cruiserweight champion, come to an end at the hands of tenacious **Rick Enis**, Indiana, 26-9, via 10-round split decision. It was an excellent fight.

In the semi-final, heavyweights Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan, 19-1, scored a second-round kayo over Tim Adams, St. Louis.

In assorted four-round bouts: Ray "The Rat" Domenge, Omaha, was hard- pressed to beat Anthony Campbell, Little Rock, unanimous decision.

Talented middleweight Mike Juarez, Omaha, edged Vernon Garret, Oklahoma City, in a brisk four-round unanimous decision.

In a lightweight bout, old pro Lupe Guerra, Omaha, had just enough left to beat Paul Garner, Omaha, heavyweights, via four-round split decision.

Light heavyweight Paul "The Wall" Anderson, Omaha, made his pro debut by defeating Vince Foster, Omaha, via unanimous four-round decision.

In a junior welterweight bout, Bob Amsier, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, outpointed Robert Smith, Chicago, via unanimous decision.

Promoters: F & F Berns
Timekeeper: Bob Ruiz
Judges: Dick McGinnis, Bill Murphy
Referees: Ron Stander, Ben Belmont
Announcer: Jim Kelter
Attendance: 817
(4-30-90)

Bob Ruiz

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—Welterweight contender Glenwood Brown, 151, Plainfield, stayed busy with a third-round TKO over Hurlen Villareal, 151, Equador, 16-2-1. Referee: Rafael Ramos.

Colombian Jose Leonard Bermudez, 149, 19-0-2, stopped Jorge Maysonet, 148½, Catano, Puerto Rico, via Bronx, 22-7 (22), at 1:27 of the ninth and penultimate round.

In the third scheduled 10, Carl Sullivan, 168, Homestead, Pennsylvania, via Brigantine, New Jersey, burst the bubble of Bill Cayton's newest find, Rod "Crocodile" Carr, 168, Melbourne, Australia. Despite all sorts of regional titles in his homeland, Carr has been a grave disappointment in two ballyhooed local showings. This time, he walked into a right counter that nearly put him away in the first. Carr rallied gamely in the second, but was bleeding when referee Frank Ramos came to his rescue at 1:31 of the third.

Ron Morgan, 155½, Cincinnati, scored an impressive second-round TKO of Gordon Huggins, 156, Pleasantville.

Attracted to the developing "Triple Threat Gym," amateur standout Victor McKinnis, 140, South Orange, debuted with a unanimous decision over switch-hitting Paul Denard, 140, Trenton, four.

Aggressive Garfield McKenzie, 148, Camden, drew with Patrick Rose, 148, Montego Bay, Jamaica, via Long Beach, New York, over four rounds. Referee: Ramos.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Television: MSG Cable
Judges: "Rocky" Castellani, Eva Shain, John Poturaj
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker
Announcer: Ed Derian
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(4-18-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino—**Riddick Bowe**, 228, Brooklyn, stopped New England heavyweight champion **Manny Contreras**, 227, Caguas, Puerto Rico, at 1:18 of the first round. Bowe, 17-0 (15), dropped Contreras, 9-1-1 (8), with a straight right. After Contreras rose, Bowe finished him off with a wicked left hook to the ribs. Referee: Ted Pick.

In the co-feature, Eugene Speed, 131, Palmer Park, Maryland, battered Luis Andino, 133, Carolina, Puerto Rico, into submission at 2:09 of the third. Referee: Joe Cortez.

Art Tucker, 216, Newark, resumed his career, leveling Marcellus Brown, 211, Bay City, Michigan, with a quick right counter for a kayo at 1:55 of the first, scheduled eight. Referee: Cortez.

Elijah Tillery, 214, Albany, won an unpopular but deserved unanimous decision over Mike Dixon, 207, Unicoi, Tennessee.

Davey Hilton protege Joe Gatti, 154, Montreal, knocked out Lynn Robertson, 157, Richmond, at 2:46 of the second.

Jade Scott, 180, Brooklyn, scored a repeat win, knocking out Tim Taylor, 180, Masontown, Pennsylvania, at 2:06 of the third of a savage four.

Promoter: Frank Gelb Productions
Matchmaker: Bob Mittleman
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
TV: USA Network
Judges: Eva Shain, Rocky Castellani, Deborah Barnes
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker
Announcer: Ed Derian
(5-8-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel & Casino—In the 10-round main event, **John Duplessis** scored a TKO over **Pedro Laza**, 140½, at 1:55 of the seventh round. Up until the stoppage, Duplessis, 141, did his usual boring jab-and-circle routine. It wasn't until Laza tried a half-hearted flurry that Duplessis

stepped in and nailed his foe with a right midway through the seventh. Laza rose but staggered, and referee Frank Cappuccino correctly stopped the fight.

The co-feature 10 left half the house booing, and the other half wondering what vaunted Adam Garland, 165, Piscataway, New Jersey, had done to gain a unanimous decision over Danny Mitchell, 165½, Pittsburgh. Though Garland deserved the verdict, many couldn't understand the scores of 98-92, and 99-91 (twice). Rafael Ramos refereed.

Peter Nieves, 128, New York City, TKO'd Rafael Lagos, 130, New York City, who was not allowed out for the fifth of six. Referee: Cappuccino.

Ronnie Hammonds, 147, Philadelphia, TKO'd Julio Torres, 146, Hartford, at 1:16 of the sixth and final round. Referee: Cappuccino.

Bernard Hopkins, 164½, Philadelphia, demolished hapless Eddie Tyler, 163, Plainfield, at 1:20 of the first, scheduled six. Referee: Frank Ramos.

"King" Solomon, 129, Philadelphia, didn't appear to deserve a unanimous verdict over Johnny Glen Alvarado, 130½, Philadelphia, in an action-packed four. Referee: Cappuccino.

Donny Leonardo, 154½, Staten Island, won a unanimous decision over Ray Soto, 153, Atlantic City. Referee: Ramos.

Paul Denard, 138½, Trenton, 1-0, won a unanimous decison over game Oleg Sidonka, 139, New York City, in a punishing four. Referee: Ramos.

Promoter: Butch Lewis Productions
Matchmaker: Harold Weston Jr.
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
TV: Black Entertainment Television (BET)
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Announcer: Frank Shain
(5-18-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina—**Tony Thornton**, 164, Glassboro, and **Dave Tiberi**, 160, New Castle, Delaware, put on a non-stop slugfest. Each man fought with disciplined, contained fury until the fourth round, when a Thornton right opened a savage cut over Tiberi's left eye. Referee Joe O'Neill quickly halted the action and had Tiberi, 18-2-3 (4), looked at by Dr. Frank B. Doggett, who ruled that the fight should be stopped, giving Thornton, 24-4-1 (19), the TKO win.

Prospect Tony Green, 129, Philadelphia, was upset by southpaw Harold Warren, 130, Corpus Christi, in a good eight-rounder. Green was confused and started slowly against Frankie Warren's brother, and by the time he realized he was in a fight, it was too late. Judge Cairo voted 78-74 for the loser, but Poturaj carded 77-76, and Kostrub 77-75 for the Texan. Referee: O'Neill.

Compact Eric Holland, 156, Philadelphia, smothered and bulldozed Mike Brown, 154, Philadelphia, to gain a unanimous verdict in a monotonous but hard-fought eight. Referee: O'Neill.

Mike Brown, New York, 151, dropped an unpopular unanimous decision to touted William Jones, 149, Philadelphia, in a tense six. Referee: Steve Smoger.

Luis Arídino, 142, Catano, Puerto Rico, via Philadelphia, (not to be confused with the lightweight trailhorse), was nearly gone from body shots in the first, but came on and eventually overwhelmed fragile "Papo" Velasquez, 142, Philadelphia, to drop and TKO him at 35 seconds of the third. Referee: Smoger.

In another battle of prospects, Tyrone Toliver, 159, Trenton, destroyed Bernal Long, 164, Philadelphia, at 1:43 of the second. Referee: Smoger.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions, Main Events
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 1,100, (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel America
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Announcer: Ed Derian
(5-21-90)

NEWARK—Quality Inn/Robert Treat Hotel—**Charles Murray**, 141, Rochester via Orange, headlined against experienced but seemingly used-up **Elvis Perez**, 142, New York City. By the third, Murray established a flicking jab, then leveled Perez with a whiplash right. Two more rights felled him again, and when another shook him up, referee Tony Orlando stopped it at 2:23.

Alfred Cole, 187, Spring Valley, New York, via Essex County, got a bruising workout before stopping Tommy Richardson, 188, Tampa, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. Referee: Orlando.

Mike Guadagno's unheralded William "Bo" James, 155, Newark, dominated Pat and Goodie Petronelli's highly regarded Francisco "Cisco Kid" Martinez, 155½, Boston, to win a unanimous six-round decision. Referee: Earl Morton.

Howard Grant, 137¼, Montreal, was held to a draw by southpaw Jake "The Snake" Rodriguez, 141, Brentwood, New York, in a tedious, ineffective four. Referee: Morton.

Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney, 127½, Las Vegas, looked sharp, swatting away Godfrey Johnson, 127½, Richmond, at 34 seconds of the second. Referee: Morton.

Victor McKinnis, 139, Newark, pouned out a majority decision over southpaw John Jones, 140½, Atlantic City. Referee: Orlando.

Former light heavyweight champion Bobby Czyz helped bring out the crowd, sparring with Donald Stevens.

Promoters: Marc Roberts, Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
Attendance: 1,400 (estimated)
TV: ESPN
Judges: Frank Brunette, Rich Strange, Al DeVito
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Announcer: Mike Buffer
(5-3-90)

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PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—Slick **Frankie Mitchell**, 24-0, has never excited local fans since relocating from Columbus, Ohio. But the determination of **Kent Hardee**, 16-4-1, turned their pairing into a blood-spattered battle. Hardee, 130, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, forced Mitchell, 132¾, South Philadelphia, into an untidy but crowd-pleasing bloodbath, in which Mitchell proved he can fight when he has to.

It was an action-packed fight, with both men suffering cuts as they dished out the punishment. Mitchell's crisper shots, and the torrid pace, eventually did the exhausted Hardee in. Following a knockdown, the doctor stopped the fight over the Hardee's protest at 2:25 of the seventh round.

In a battle of local welterweights, Vinnie Burgese, 143, overcame two knockdowns—in the second and fifth rounds—to stop Willie Ford, 140½, with one minute left in the seventh round.

Cesar Martinez, 124, Buenos Aires, made an impressive local debut against Jose Perrilla, 125, Philadelphia, scoring a second-round TKO.

William Morris, 219, South Philadelphia, won a unanimous four-round decision over a reluctant Dawud Shaw, 181, Chester. Referee: John Carroll.

Bernal Long, 164, West Philadelphia, dropped returning Ray Daniels, 173, North Philadelphia, in the second and third, but got plenty of fight in return and had to settle for a unanimous decision, four. Referee: Carroll.

Built to 5-0 on stiffs, Tommy Pyfer, 175, Clifton Heights, won a decision over Chris Collins, 177, Brooklyn, 1-5. Referee: Carroll.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 850 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel America
Judges: Adelaide Tyndale, Lynne Carter, Guy Richardson
Timekeeper: Tony Stanza
Announcer: Hank Kropinski
(4-2-90)

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—Junior welterweight **Rodney Moore**, 141, 23-6-2 (10), used a savagae body attack and a left hook to the head to stop **Roger Brown**, 141, Buffalo, 11-13 (4), in the second round of a scheduled 10. Rudy Battle refereed.

In the companion 10, popular Vinny Burgese, 140¼, South Philadelphia, didn't have to fight for his life for a change, but got a good workout stopping Juan "Chegui" Torres, 140, Hartford, at 1:57 of the fourth round. John Carroll refereed.

Robert Hightower, 139½, North Philadelphia, quickly dropped Jose Nieves, 141½, Elmont, New York, in the first, then had to labor six tough rounds to garner a unanimous decision. Referee: Carroll.

In an all-Maryland battle, Jerry "Jock" Rash, 200, Elkton, was too tough for hard-hitting but fragile Phil Gilberti, 195¼, Kensington, who was deflated by a left hook to the body and kayoed at 2:28 of the third, scheduled six. Referee: Battle.

Rugged Eric Holland, 155¼, North Philadelphia, smothered shifty Otis Boone, 153, Trenton, for a majority win that should have been nothing short of unanimous; four rounds. Referee: Battle.

"Papo" Velasquez, 141, North Philadelphia, TKO'd Michael Young, 139, North Philadelphia, at 1:01 of the second. Referee: Carroll.

Sean Hart, 176, Hellertown, was given a split decision with no particular justification over Eric Tyson, 180, Glens Falls, New York, in a dreadful four which no one deserved to win. Referee: Carroll.

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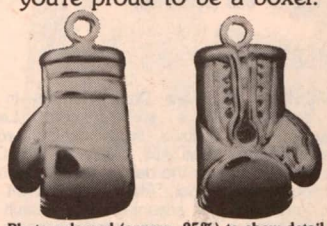

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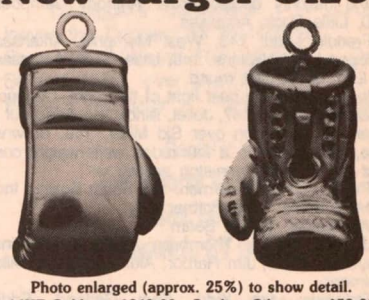

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had his effort cheapened with an easy—it appeared he didn't land a punch—kayo of Ron Washington, North Philadelphia, 146, 24 seconds into the first round. Referee: Battle.
Promoter: Joe Hand Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
TV: USA Network
Judges: Adelaide Tydale, George Hill, Rose Vargas
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina
Announcer: Ron DeBuono
Attendance: 850 (estimated)
(5-1-90)

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theatre—In the main attraction of a six-bout card, **Lester Yarbrough**, 158, Jackson, scored a fourth-round TKO when **Danny Vires**, 155, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, failed to answer the bell for the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. After a dead-even first round, Yarbrough took advantage of his reach and began to pepper Vires with combinations to the head. He dropped Vires for an eight-count in the second round, and again in the fourth.

In the semi wind-up, Ken Hulsey, 162, Lynchburg, scoring a third-round TKO when Harold Pinckney, 165, Hot Springs, Arkansas, failed to answer the bell for round four; middleweights.

Dan Ward, 190, West Memphis, Arkansas, stopped Tony Nichols, 235, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 1:43 of the fourth round in a scheduled six-round heavyweight contest.

Andre Nelson, 180, Detroit, pounded out a six-round majority decision over Anthony Campbell, 170, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Freddie Ladd, 143, West Memphis, Arkansas, stopped Larry Haskins, 148, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 2:42 of the first round.

In what was the best fight of the night, Clarence "Bones" Adams, 147, Joliet, Illinois, pounded out a unanimous decision over Sid Miller, 149, Brownsville, Tennessee, in a four-round welterweight contest that featured non-stop action.

Promoters: Tom Harmon, Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Announcer: Gilbert Beam
Judges: Don Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Eddie Freeman
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone
Physician: Dr. David Wilcox
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(5-1-90)

Michael Glenn

TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI—Memorial Coliseum—USBA junior featherweight champion **Jesse Benavides** gave his Texas fans a dazzling Mother's Day present with a first-round TKO of former world champion **Kelvin Seabrooks**. Benavides, 122, Corpus Christi, started the fight with a calm and patient pace until he caught his opponent with a right uppercut and a stinging overhand right that sent Seabrooks, 121½, Charlotte, North Carolina, 27-15 (21), to the canvas. Another knockdown followed, and referee Bobby Gonzalez stopped the fight at 2:27 of the first round.

In the co-headliner, Kronk's Jemal Hinton, 122, used quickness and a stiff left jab to pound out a 10-round unanimous decision over Alberto Martinez, 121, Mexico City. Hinton, one of the Kronk's three fighters on this card, followed Emanuel Steward's training of quick inside punching and a weaving defense. Such strategy kept Martinez from doing any damage. A knockdown in the second round and another in the fourth secured Hinton's victory. Hinton is 14-0 (11); Martinez 47-7-1.

Jesse James Leija, 125, San Antonio, 13-0 (8), won a six-round unanimous decision over another Kronk product, Boyd Gardner, 125, Detroit, 9-3 (5).

Oba Carr, 141½, Detroit, 4-0 (3), mauled Jerry Grant, 141, Dallas, with a TKO in the sixth round.

Richard Salazar, 123, Corpus Christi, 3-3-1, won a four-round decision over Vicente Castillo, 122, Dallas.

Unknown Roberto Sandoval, 139, Kingsville, knocked out Juan Alderete, 138, San Antonio, in the first round.

Promoters: Ringside Productions, Rich Landers KO Productions
Judges: David McCullough, Vince Amaya, Barry Yates
Referees: Bobby Gonzalez, Santos Ronje
Timekeepers: Rudy Rivera, Dennis Collins
Announcer: David Donaldson
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
Television: NBC
(5-13-90)

Curtis Vogel

VIRGINIA

RICHMOND—Richmond Centre—**William Galiwango** briefly walked around the Richmond Centre's boxing ring barking. He had earned the right.

Moments earlier, the Richmond welterweight had picked up the Virginia 147- pound championship, stopping **Walter "Mad Dog" Green**, Newport News, at 2:26 of the opening round.

Green came into the bout with a reputation for barking at his opponents while he was beating them. Against Galiwango, however, Green was strictly a puppy—playful but capable of no real harm. Galiwango, 17-0-1 (15), who moved to Richmond from Kampala, Uganda, about four years ago, was on target with his right hand.

Green, 7-3, opened the scheduled 10-rounder cautiously, but within 30 seconds, he started barking at Galiwango, keeping his hands high and tight to protect his head. In response, Galiwango, 26, did what all well-schooled boxers are taught—work the body. It didn't take long for Green's guard to come down. That's when Galiwango knocked him reeling with a hard right. A Galiwango flurry capped by two wicked rights had Green wobbling.

With Green on rubbery legs, referee Al Rothenberg administered a standing eight-count. Rothenberg let Green continue, but another Galiwango barrage convinced the referee that Green, 28, had absorbed enough target practice.

"He was scared," said Galiwango, who is rated seventh in the USBA's April ratings. "I knew he was scared. He was just coming toward me. He left his body open. I knew I had to get him with my right hand."

The win earned Galiwango the first title belt of his professional career. "This belt is better than nothing," he said. "Before, I didn't let anybody call me champ. I told them I wasn't champ. I was going to become champ."

In a scheduled 10, Tim Hillie, 173, Washington, D.C., seemed to be taking charge when his bout with Daniel Hardin, 170, Knoxville, 5-2, was stopped in his favor at 1:13 of the fourth round due to severe cut over Hardin's right eye. Hillie, 7-0, a prospect worth watching, said he thought the cut came from a headbutt.

Napoleon Pitts, 173, Richmond, made his pro debut a success by stopping Jeff Osborne, 176, Hampton, 0-1, at 1:52 of the first round.

Richmond heavyweight Everett Mayo, 223, 5-0 (5), knocked out 248-pound Jason Williams, Knoxville, 3-3, at 2:46 of the first round.

Mel Edmonds, 194, Richmond, moved to 6-0 with a shutout four-round decision over Max Key, 195, Portsmouth, 4-1.

Curtis "Hatchet Man" Shepard, 216, Richmond, 3-1, picked up a technical knockout at 2:07 of the third round of a scheduled six against Stanley Lewis, 204, Hampton, 3-2.

Mark Buchanan, 153, Norfolk, 6-1, knocked out Tony Reed, 152, Knoxville, 4-3, at 1:04 of the first round.

Barry Kirton, 206, Richmond, improved to 2-1 when his six-rounder with Fernando Cappe, 201, Hampton, 0-1, was stopped at 1:18 of the opening frame.

Doug Shambaugh, 137, Norfolk, upped to 3-0 when Rothenberg disqualified Andre Thompson, 136, Knoxville, in the first round of a scheduled six after the loser shoved Shambaugh down twice and committed several other fouls.

Promoter: Million Dollar Boxing Club
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(4-20-90)

Steve Waldman

CANADA

ALBERTA

RED DEER—Altaplex—Former Canadian heavyweight champion **Ken Lakusta**, 212, Edmonton, 20-15 (12), surprised everybody by winning back the title at age 35 from previous conqueror **Tony Morrison**, 211, Toronto, 18-8-1 (9). The scoring: 116-114, 118-114, and 115-114.

Edmonton light heavyweight Dave Fiddler, 175, scored a fifth-round TKO over Terry Jesmer, 166½, Winnipeg. Ahead on all cards, Fiddler opened a cut over his opponent's eye, and referee Del Smart stopped the contest.

In a six-rounder, sensational new pro Brent Kosolofski, 190, Calgary, stopped an inept Blake Gabriel, 193, Edmonton, in the first round. The popular Kosolofski is 3-0 (3).

Former Canadian featherweight champion Tony Pep, 131, Calgary, made a good return after nearly three years of rest and knocked out Phoenix' Tony Cisneros, 131, in two rounds.

In a four-rounder, Kennedy McKinney, 129, Las Vegas, was far superior to Calgary's Reggie Johnson, 126, and scored a second-round TKO.

Promoter: Glen Carriere (KO Boxing Promotions)
Physicians: Dr. G. Sollbach, Dr. E. Easenbaum
Timekeepers: Bob Blacklock, Harold Kitchen
Announcer: James Monsees
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(4-21-90)

NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON—Moncton Arena—Montreal lightweight prospect **Michel Galarneau**, 139, stopped local **Benoit Boudreau**, 135, in seven action-packed rounds; scheduled for 10. It was an excellent fight in which both gave their best. Tough exchanges accented with crisp punches were the order for the seven rounds. Galarneau, 7-0 (4), has his eyes on John Kalbhenn and the Canadian lightweight title. Boudreau is 14-9-1 (9). D. Doiron was the referee.

In an intense semifinal, Parksboro's Mark Adams won a unanimous eight-round verdict over Toronto veteran Nedrick Simmons. Adams was down for the first time as a pro, but got up and rallied to get all of the judges' votes. Adams scaled 134½, and Simmons 136½ in this battle of former Canadian champions. Referee: Paul Andersson.

In a poor fight, Allain Cormier, 169½, got the six-round verdict over Paul Doiron, 174½, as both locals held and wrestled throughout.

Another six saw a good fight between two more locals, as Marcel Maillet, 145, decisioned Oswin Kanyenda, 142½.

Promoter: Ringside Promotions
Physician: Dr. Ken Mitton
Timekeepers: Jerry Doiron Sr., Sam Erman Jr.
Announcer: Gair Maxwell
Attendance: 838
(4-26-90)

Michel Gladu

JAMAICA

KINGSTON—Oceana Hotel—After a long break, boxing resumed in Jamaica with a well planned show under the patronage of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Michael Manley, and with the return of Ringside Promotions.

Former WBC Continental middleweight champion **Anthony Logan** won a unanimous decision over Barbados middleweight champion **Ed Neblett** in an action-packed 12-rounder. Logan took control early. The scoring: 120-114, 120-111, and 118-112.

The co-feature saw lightweight Muhammad Dawes stop Angus Alleyne, Barbados, at 2:51 of the first round.

Middleweight Gary Smikle TKO'd Winston Granger, who didn't come out for the fifth round.

Cruiserweight Rohan Blair scored a sixth-round TKO over Alfred Knight; scheduled for eight.

Ian Smith won by TKO in round one over Wayne Thomas; four rounds, junior middleweights.

Matchmaker: Felix Smith
Referees: Emilio Sanchez, Harry Cruz
Judges: Winston Sutherland, Keith Brown, George St. Aude, Vincent Fenton
Physicians: Dr. Paul Wright, Dr. Donald Gordon
(3-25-90)

KINGSTON—Richard "Shrimpy" Clarke, Jamaica's flyweight champion, took another step toward a world title when he outpointed **Michael Parris** over 10 rounds. Clarke, rated number one by the WBC, is awaiting final arrangements for a title shot against champion Sot Chitalada.

Parris, 17-3 (6), an Olympic bronze medalist, got the better of it early by countering with sharp left hooks, but Clarke, 23-2 (8), accelerated and used left jabs and straight rights. After Parris had a good round five, Clarke took control. The scoring: 99-91, 100-93, and 100-94.

A pair of featherweights provided the most exciting fight. Job Walters, 11-4, decked Azael Moran in round eight and went on to win by decision.

Flyweight Domingo Sosa won a decision over Roy Thompson.
(4-28-90)

Gillie Campbell

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

SANTA FE—Undeafeated junior middleweight **Julio Cesar Vazquez**, 22-0 (16), scored his 16th kayo victory by stopping **Domingo Guzman Nunez** in the second round. Nunez has lost five of his last six bouts.

Ernesto Sena kayoed Jorge Bernardo in two round in another junior middleweight blow-out.
(4-20-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine lightweight champion **Fabian Tejeda** kayoed **Oscar Benavidez** to capture the South American championship. Benavidez, 26-8, was floored five times. Despite the convincing win, the 23-year-old Tejeda, 21-0 (19), looked unimpressive.

Lightweight Ruben Ricardo won a 10-round decision over Nicasio Caseres.
(4-21-90)

LAGUNA LARGA—Former flyweight and super flyweight champion **Santos Laciar** took a 10-round decision from **Juan Carlos Cortes**; super flyweights. The scores: 100-95, 100-93, and 99-95.
(4-27-90)

BUENOS AIRES—**Jorge Argentino Tejada** won a close 10-round decision over **Ramon Angel Alegre**. Alegre, 14-4-5 (9), lost points in the fourth and 10th rounds. Tejada is 15-24-10.
(4-27-90)

LAS FLORES—Former WBA super flyweight king **Gustavo Ballas**, now fighting as a bantamweight, won an easy 10-round decision over **Jose Luis Barrios**. The 32-year-old Ballas had announced his retirement a year ago, when he was stopped by Joao Cardozo.
(5-4-90)

LA RIOJA—**Jorge Sclarandi** won a 10-round decision over **Juan Carlos Lettieri**; welterweights.
(5-4-90)

MENDOZA—Southpaw lightweight **Osvaldo Corro** won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Jose Soria**. The scores: 100-94, 100-97, and 100-95. The top- ranked lightweight is the younger brother of former middleweight champion Hugo Corro.

Pedro Villegas registered a first-round kayo over Norberto Laciar.
(5-4-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Former Argentina welterweight champion **Hugo Ariel "Little Bird" Hernandez**, 52-3-1 (35), stopped **Pablo de la Cruz Gareca** in the third round. Gareca, 11-2-2, who was floored in the second, suffered a cut around the left eye and was bleeding from the nose and mouth until the doctor stopped the contest.

Cesar Domine scored a sixth-round kayo over Alberto Gauna in a war.
(5-5-90)

SAN LUIS—Argentine junior lightweight champion **Julio Cesar Mirand** fought to a 12-round draw with South American king **Faustino Barrios**. The bout was for Mirand's national title.
(5-11-90)

LABOULAYE, CORDOBA—**Gustavo Ballas** outpointed **Raul Ojeda** over 10 rounds.
(5-11-90)

RIO NEGRO—**Hugo Ariel "Little Bird" Hernandez** easily kayoed **Roberto Guerrero** in three rounds.
(5-11-90)

VILLA MARIA, CORDOBA—Welterweight **Jorge Bracamonte** scored an easy fifth-round kayo over **Juan Miguel Estrada**.
(5-11-90)

MAR DEL PLATA—Junior middleweight **Jorge "Karateca" Medina** scored a first-round kayo over former South American junior middleweight champion **Ramon Ramos**.
(5-11-90)

ROJAS—**Jorge Argentino** outpointed **Jesus Gil** over 10 rounds; junior middleweights.

In a 10-round lightweight battle, Eduardo Molina won a decision over Juan Contreras.
(5-11-90)

SALTA—Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Hugo Vilte** won a 10-round decision over **Juan Carlos Ortiz** in a non-title bout.
(5-11-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Lightweight **Osvaldo Corro** won a 10-round decision over **Manuel Alberto Billalba**. The scoring: 97-95, 99-96, and 99-96.
(5-12-90)

PERGAMINO—**Ruben Batista** captured the Argentine super flyweight belt by kayoing **Ruben Retamozo**. The spectacular ending saw the loser knocked through the ropes and out of the ring.
(5-18-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Former Argentine super bantamweight champion **Pedro Decima** scored a 10-round majority decision over **Pedro Villegas**. Decima, the WBC's number-two contender, had to rise from the canvas in the second and 10th rounds. Decima, 25-2 (17), outworked Villegas, 15-4-4, for the majority of the fight. The scores were 97-95 (twice) and 96-96.
(5-18-90)

BUENOS AIRES—National featherweight champion **Miguel Francia** fought to a 10-round draw with **Ruben Astorga**. The decision was booed by the crowd, most of which thought Francia, 22-9-4 (3), was the clear winner. Astorga is 21-10-5. The scoring: 98-94 for Francia, and 95-95 (twice).
(5-19-90)

Carlos Irusta

COLOMBIA

BARRANQUILA—Unbeaten **Carlos Rocha**, 16-0-4 (7), a former WBA bantamweight contender, kayoed **Rafael Prada**, in the third round with a right-left combination. Prada had climbed off the canvas in the second.

Bantamweight Guillermo Salcedo, Monteria, scored a knockout over Miguel Bello in round two.

Ignacio Bernal stopped Tomas Diaz in one; junior welterweights.

Flyweights Juan Sanchez and Daniel Batista fought to a six-round draw.

The opening bout saw Frank Franco win a decision over Jorge Hurtado in a four-round featherweight battle.
(2-1-90)

CARTAGENA—**Francisco Alvarez** kayoed **James Guevara** in the second round of a super flyweight encounter.

Unbeaten Felipe Casseres stopped Tony Morelos in two.

Edison Benitez TKO'd Amaury Moguea in round two of a welterweight encounter. The referee was Horacio Castilla.

Ramon Melendez kayoed Eddy Hernandez in the fourth and final round of a one-sided affair.

A four-round bantamweight battle saw German Gastelbondo Jr. fight to a draw with Eugenio Pereira.
(3-1-90)

CARTAGENA—**Eduardo Molina** came from behind to stop **Julio Llerena** in the 10th round of a close fight. The fight was stopped with the loser accepting a lot of punishment on the ropes. The scoring at the time of the stoppage was 86-86 (twice) and 87-86 for Llerena.

Rafael Juilo scored a fourth-round kayo over Omar Cantillo; flyweights.

Southpaw Ever Bolanos registered a first-round kayo Jose Padilla; featherweights.

Local bantamweight Guido Trivino knocked out Ivan Iglesis in three.
(3-9-90)

MONTERIA—Bantamweight **Jorge Eliecer Julio**, a bronze medalist in the 1988 Olympics, scored an impressive fourth-round kayo over **Pedro Salgado**.

Junior welterweight Amancio Castro kayoed Manuel Salas in the 10th and final round.

Asdrubal Velasquez outpointed Agustin Garcia

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over eight rounds; mini flyweights.

Colombian featherweight champion Wilson Palacios took a split decision over Pedro Barrera in a 10-round non-title bout.

Middleweight Juan Carlos Viloria blew out Manuel Garcia in one.

Dunoy Pena outpointed John Baron.

Henry Casarrubia won a four-round decision over Fidel Julio.

Attendance: 8,000

Promoter: Levi-Box

(3-16-90)

CARTAGENA—Lightweight **Miguel Maturana** won a unanimous eight-round decision over **Carlos Rodriguez**.

Lightweight William Herrera won a 10-round decision over Luis Berrio.

Featherweight Carlos Zarate came off the canvas in the first round and stopped Niolas Morenoa in the second.

Isaac Martinez fought to a six-round draw with Durvey Osorio; flyweights.

Featherweight Oswaldo de Avila was down in the third round of a four- rounder, but rose and salvaged a draw with Jose Cabartas.

(3-23-90)

MEDELLIN—Jorge Eliecer Juilo TKO'd **Hector Oyola** in round two; bantamweights.

Flyweight Elvis Lugo scored a sixth-round TKO over Jorge Lugo.

Juan Rodriguez knocked out Angel Bustos in two; bantamweights.

(3-24-90)

CARTAGENA—Jorge Eliecer Juilo, 9-0 (9), registered a fourth-round stoppage over **Jairo Salgado**.

Arcelio Diaz TKO'd Roberto Beleno in the sixth round; featherweights.

A featherweight bout saw unbeaten Fernando Caicedo score a first-round kayo over Ricardo Ruiz.

In a junior welterweight tussle, Manuel Valdez scored a spectacular fourth-round kayo over Jose Nieto.

Bantamweight Guido Trivino scored a fifth-round kayo of Dorismel Cardales.

Henry Pajaro knocked out Fray Franco in one; junior lightweights.

Roque Zambrano scored a second-round kayo over Rodrigo Valdez (not the former middleweight champion); welterweights.

Junior bantamweight Luis Bolanos won in eight rounds over Jorge Hurtado.

(3-30-90)

BUCARAMANGA—Diosmel Amaya and **Edison Benitez** fought to a 12-round draw.

Bantamweight Elvis Mejia outpointed Angel Alvarez over four rounds.

Robinson Mosquera gained a decision over Elvert Manrique; bantamweights.

In a junior featherweight battle, William Solano knocked out Johnny Negrete in the fourth round.

(4-1-90)

BARRANQUILLA—Carlos Rocha scored a sixth-round TKO over **Jaime Padilla**; junior featherweights.

Flyweight Victor Molino scored a first-round kayo over Reynaldo Garizabalo.

Guillermo Salcedo kayoed Isaac Dominquette in the third round; junior featherweights.

Flyweight Juan Sanchez decisioned Andres Sanchez over six rounds.

A lightweight battle ended quickly when Omar Gonzalez wiped out Octavio Cervantes in the first round.

Flyweight Arnold Velasquez TKO'd Julio Coronell in the sixth round.

(4-5-90)

SAN ANDRES ISLAND—Omar Gonzalez knocked out **Miguel Maturana** in the eighth round of a junior lightweight bout.

Ignacio Bernal outpointed Arnobis Xastro over 10 rounds; junior welterweights.

Jimmy Garcia, 17-1 (7), scored a ninth-round TKO over Tommy Valdez.

(4-21-90)

MEDELLIN—Bantamweight **Jorge Eliecer Julio**, 10-0 (10), TKO'd **Robinson Garcia** in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Bantamweight Juan Rodriguez scored a first-round kayo over James Pemberti.

Alvaro Bohorquez, 28-5-1 (17), won a decision over Ezequiel Hernandez over eight rounds; featherweights.

David Cardales, 1-0, outpointed Gonzalo Arboleda, 0-1, over four rounds; bantamweights.

Jose Luis Martinez kayoed Ancizar Alvarez in a featherweight bout.

Middleweight Jose Perea won a four-round decision over Gustavo Ortiz.

(4-22-90)

ARBOLETE—Jorge Eliecer Julio scored a first-round kayo over **Gilmer Gonzalez**; bantamweights.

Flyweight Wilson Palacios stopped Orlando Hernandez in two.

Amaury Moquea kayoed Fernando Rios in the second round of a one-sided welterweight affair.

Jose Burgos won a decision over Manuel Fuentes in six; bantamweights.

Flyweight Jesus Zuniga outpointed John Baron over four rounds.

Miguel Nino decisioned Fulgencio Sepulveda, four rounds, flyweights.

(4-29-90)

CARTAGENA—Wilfrido Rocha scored a second-round kayo over **Felipe Angulo** in a lightweight 10-rounder.

Orlando Marimon outpointed Catalino Julio over six rounds.

Ever Boleno scored a second-round kayo over Gerguin Silgado in an eight- rounder between junior lightweights.

Fernando Caicedo scored a second-round kayo over Pablo Garcia in an eight-round battle; featherweights.

Featherweight Wilson Fontalvo outpointed Antonio Montero, eight rounds.

(4-30-90)

Luis A. Gonzalez

FRENCH GUYANA

CAYENNE—Yoma Jacobin overcame a height and reach disadvantage and pulled out a 10-round decision over **Pierre Lorcy**. It was the first 10-rounder for the 23-year-old Jacobin, and he took control from the start. Lorcy had his big moment in the fifth, when he managed to hurt Jacobin with a right. He failed to capitalize, and by the end, Lorcy's left eye was completely closed. The winner is 6-0-1 (3); Lorcy 18-1-1.

Wayne Smith needed just 21 seconds to dispose of Phillip Binante. Smith is 7-3-1; Binante 10-6.

Jean Marc Linguet, 6-0, was ahead on points when his opponent, Mohamed El Jouana, 7-4, was disqualified.

Ray Albert, 7-4, pounded out a points win over Olivier Kemayou, 19-8-4.

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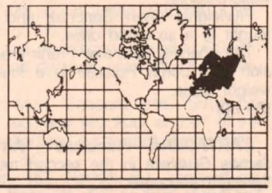

EUROPE

ENGLAND

HARTLEPOOL—Borough Hall—**John Davison** secured the WBC International featherweight title with an amazing fifth-round knockout of defending champ **Srikoon Narachawat**, Thailand.

Davison, 124¾, and Narachawat, 125½, went toe to toe from the opening bell. The fighters slugged it out for the first four rounds, but Davison's attack in round five forced Narachawat into submission. A big right was the sign-off punch. Referee Larry O'Connell counted the Thai out in the act of rising at the 1:48 mark.

The main support saw heavyweight Manny Burgo, Hartlepool, stop Neil Malpass in the third round. Referee Fred Potter intervened after Malpass hit the deck for the third time.

Heavyweight Steve Garber, 220, Bradford, stopped Chris Hubbert, 220, Hartlepool, when Gerry Watson counted him out at 2:14 of the first round.

Paul Lister, 212, Newcastle, won an eight-round decision over Denroy Bryon, 203, Swindon. Referee Potter scored 80-77.

Newcastle's Terry French, 170, outscored Stevie Davies, 172, Newcastle, over six twos. French got Potter's nod by 60-58½.

Steve Woods 121¼, Kirkcaldy outpointed Middlesborough's Billy Proud, 122, over six twos, 59½-58½.

Dominic McGuigan, 132, Newcastle, fought to a four-round draw with Frankie Foster, 132, Newcastle.

(3-20-90)

GATESHEAD—Leisure Centre—On the undercard of the Lampkin-McCrory world title fight, Canadian heavyweight **Lennox Lewis**, 224, 8-0 (8), bombed out American **Calvin Jones**, 243¼, 2:36 into the fight. Jones, who got up after an eight-count, made a prompt return to the canvas when Lewis caught him with a right. He was counted out by refree Arnold Bryson.

Dave Garside, 196, Hartlepool, scored another victory when American Anthony Witherspoon, 190½, was forced to retire after six rounds because of damaged hands. The brother of former heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon was doing well until the time of the stoppage.

Another American, Chad Broussard, 135½, outpointed George Jones, 138½, Telford. Referee Larry Thompson scored 59½-58.

Paul "Silky" Jones, 156, a Herol Graham clone, stopped Burnley's Darren Billing, 162, 56 seconds into round seven.

Steve Pollard, 133, Hull, outpointed Newcastle's Chris Bennett, 133, over four threes.

(3-22-90)

PRESTON—Guild Hall—**Young Carl Crook**, 134, Chorley, boxed superbly to lift the Commonwealth lightweight title from Manchester's **Najib Daho**, 135, in a grueling 12-rounder. Daho stuck doggedly to his task and never gave up. Referee Mickey Vann scored 119-117.

The curtain-raiser saw Steve Foran, 142, Liverpool, decision Mike Morrison, 141, Pembroke, over six threes.

Edinburgh's Sean Heron, 168, blasted Paul Barton, also 168, Sheffield, 2:02 into the first round.

In a middleweight contest, Carlo Colarusso, 156, Llanelli, stopped Sammy Sampson, 155, Preston, after 1:43 of the third round.

Neil Foran, 139, Liverpool, outscored and overpowered late substitute Wayne Windle, 134, Sheffield, and was awarded a 59½-58 verdict from referee Keith Garner.

(3-21-90)

LONDON—Grosvenor House Hotel—British welterweight champion **Kirkland Laing** rebounded from his shocking upset at the fists of American Buck Smith by stopping **Trevor Smith**, 146¼, Harlow. Laing, 146, Nottingham, was impressive before stopping Smith at 2:06 of round six.

Glasgow's Peter Bradley, 134½, decisively outscored Plumstead's Rudi Valentino, 134, over eight threes. Refree Richie Davies scored 79½-77½.

In a super featherweight bout, Nigerian Peter Konyegwachie, 130, stopped Sheffield's Gary Maxwell, 133, four seconds from the end of this eight-round contest.

Neville Brown, 162¼, Burton, took the short route to dispatch Jimmy McDonagh, 159¼, Hastings, forcing referee Teddy Gardner to stop the fight after 38 seconds of round two.

Jason Primera, 127¾, Tottenham, took the last round to win a razor-thin 39½-39 decision over Llanelli's Mike Chapman, 130¼, over four threes. Referee: Teddy Gardner.

(3-27-90)

MANCHESTER—**Paul Hodkinson**, the unbeaten European featherweight champion, secured a world title shot when he stopped Mexican **Eduardo Montoya** at 29 seconds of the third round. However, he may not yet be quite ready for such an opportunity, as his inexperience showed when he was knocked down late in the first. Montoya had been floored earlier in a hectic opening round. In the second, Hodkinson floored his prey once again before forcing referee Bill Connors' intervention at the start of round three.

Victorio Belcher, 144, United States, looked impressive scoring an eight-round TKO over Commonwealth light welterweight champion Tony Ekubia, 141, Manchester.

Crisanto "Claws" Espana scored his 18th straight win when he stopped Mexican Jorge Hernandez, 147, after 1:45 of round one. Espana, 148, was totally dominant from the opening bell. Referee: Mickey Vann.

(3-28-90)

BETHNAL GREEN—York Hall—**Johnny Nelson** became the outright owner of a Lonsdale belt when he made the second successful defense of his British cruiserweight title, stopping **Lou Gent**, 185,

Streatham, in four.

The chief support was a clinical performance by undefeated welterweight prospect Errol McDonald, 148, Nottingham, who scored a fourth-round TKO over American Robert "Bad Man" Lewis. Referee: Adrian Morgan.
(3-28-90)

DEWSBURY—Leisure Centre—World-rated **Herol "Bomber" Graham**, 159, 43-2, knocked out American **Ismael Negron**, 160, 16-6 (10), in the third round. After winning the first two rounds, Graham came out intent on finishing business in round three. After throwing a salvo, he landed a perfect left hook to the body and followed it with a right to the jaw of his broken opponent. The official time was 1:37.

York's Henry Wharton, 166, 6-0, TKO'd Mexican opponent Juan Elizondo, 169, at 1:15 of the third round. Referee: Brian Hogg.

Michael Gale, 177, Leeds, 7-0 (6), won every round en route to a points win over Mexico's Teo Arvizu, 178. Referee Brian Anderson scored 60-57.

Rick Bushell, 133, Herne Bay, comfortably outpointed Otley's James Jiora, 134, over six threes. Bushell, 3-0 (2), used his superior height and reach and emerged a clear 59-57 points victor.

Tony Silkstone, 124, Leeds, made a successful pro debut when he outscored Birmingham southpaw Andrew Robinson, 129, over six twos. Referee Anderson tabbed it 59-58.

Sheffield's Tony Booth, 153, looked impressive outpointing Mickey Duncan, 156, over six twos. Referee Hogg scored 60-58½.
(4-11-90)

LONDON—Royal Albert Hall—The main support on the McCallum-Watson card saw Canadian **Lennox Lewis**, 233½, 9-0 (8), stop former African champion **Mike Simwelu**, 230, Zambia, with a left hook to the head after 58 seconds.

The best fight of the night featured Ian Strudwick, 162, Hockley, taking a narrow 58½-57½ decision over Val Golding, 160, Croydon, over six rounds. Bermondsey's Tim Driscoll, 127, outpointed Birmingham's Rocky Lawlor, 127, over six uninspiring threes. Referee Reg Thompson scored 59½-58½.

The curtain-raiser saw Bradley Stone, 121, Canning Town, decision Sheffield's Kruga Hydes, 121, over six twos. Thompson scored 60-57½.
(4-14-90)

LONDON—London Arena—Nottingham's **Delroy Bryan**, 147, again upset the odds when he outpointed Belfast's **Damien Denny**, 146½, in 10.

Colin McMillan, 128, Barking, confirmed himself as a hot prospect with a runaway points victory over Mexico's Jesus Muniz, 136, over eight threes. Referee Larry O'Connell scored 80-76½.

Cardiff's Nicky Piper, 175, scored his fourth straight victory when Darren McKenna, 178, Alfreton, was forced to retire after the end of round four with an injured hand.

In a middleweight contest, Birmingham's Paul Wesley, 158, drew with West Ham's Winston May, 159, over eight twos.

Jason Rowland, 140, West Ham, stopped David Jenkins, 142, Swansea, with a left hook 20 seconds into the fight.

The final bout saw Bembridge's Steve McGovern, 144, get the referee's nod over Leytonstone's Justin Graham, 145, in a very controversial call. Referee Krasnuik scored 60-58 for McGovern, which prompted a protest from Graham's corner. Their protest seemed very justified, with Graham setting the pace throughout this six twos contest.
(4-17-90)

BRIGHTON—Brighton Centre—**Chris Eubank**, 159½, Brighton, 22-0 (12), easily outpointed Argentine challenger **Eduardo Contreras**, 159½, 41-26, in his first defense of the WBC International middleweight title.

Errol McDonald, 149, Nottingham, kayoed American Mario Lopez, 149, at 2:59 of round one.

Birmingham's Hugh Forde, 132½, TKO'd Delphino Perez, 131, in two.

Crawford Ashley, 175½, demolished Duane Muniz, 176½, in one round.

In a six twos, Bernard McComiskey, 132½, Banbridge, was ahead when the unfortunate Lee Fox, 128, Sheffield, had to retire with a shoulder injury after round three.

Brighton's Timmy Harmey, 143½, and Justin Graham, 143½, Leytonstone drew over six twos.
(4-25-90)

LONDON—Wembley Conference Centre—The amazing **Kirkland Laing** upset the odds once more with a clinical performance to annex the European welterweight crown with a second-round kayo of

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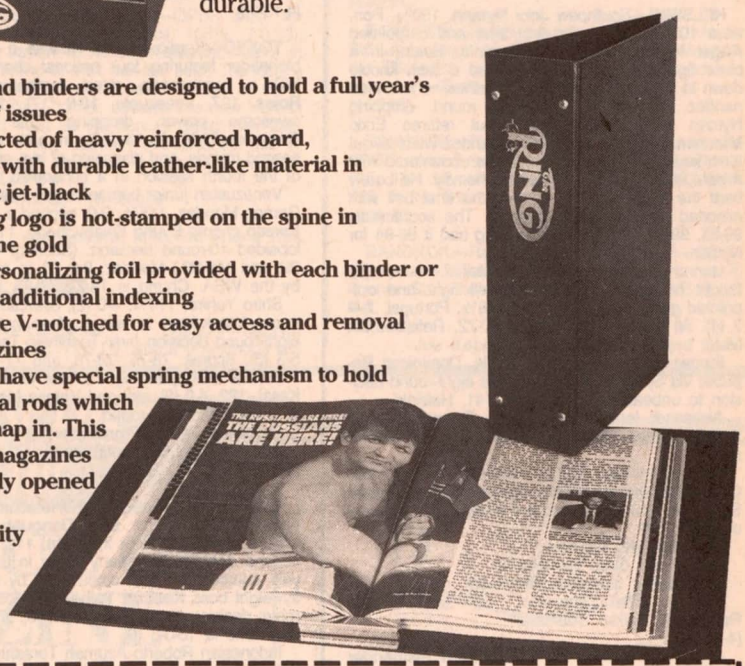

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France's **Antoine Fernandez**.

Laing is now in line for a long-awaited world title clash, probably against IBF champion Simon Brown.

Derek Grainger, 152, Bethnal Green, stopped Camberwell's Newton Barnett, 152, in the fourth round.

Gary Logan, 146½, Brixton, labored to a points victory over Trinidad's Joseph Alexander, 143½, in an eight threes.

Jimmy Peters, 177, Southampton, TKO'd John Ellis, 175, Bethnal Green, in the fifth round.

Making his pro debut, Henry Maske, 177, East Germany, the Olympic middleweight and reigning world amateur light heavyweight champion, stopped Mexican Teo Arivizu, 177, in just 55 seconds.

Henry Akinwande, 214, Lewisham, scored a first round knockout over American Mike Robinson, 224, in just 25 seconds.

Neville Brown, 155¼, Burton, had a tough night against William Ponzola, 155, France, before connecting with a big left hook in the third round to stop the Frenchman at 1:50 of the round. Referee: Marcus McDonnell.
(5-9-90)

Brian Doogan

FINLAND

HELSINKI—Southpaw **Joni Nyman**, 150¾, Pori, went 10 rounds for the first time and outpointed **Angel Hernandez**, 150¾, Tenerife, Spain, in a close fight. Nyman, 7-1 (2), scored a flash knockdown in the sixth round with a clothesline left. Hernandez retaliated in the ninth round, dropping Nyman with a right cross, but referee Erkki Meronen ruled it a slip. As Hernandez went all-out for a kayo in the final round, Nyman countered with a hard hook, and Hernandez fell heavily. He barely beat the count and survived to the final bell with assorted grabbing and clinching. The scorecards: 99-95, 99-96, and 98-96. *The Ring* had it 96-94 for Nyman.

Hannu Vuorinen, 149¾, Helsinki, 6-1-1 (4), fought his pre-announced farewell fight and outpointed gutsy Victor Carvalho, 148½, Portugal, 7-4-2 (4). All three judges scored 80-72. Referee: Olli Maki.

Ringwise Felix Rodriguez, 138¾, Dominican Republic via Spain, lost a unanimous eight-round decision to unbeaten Jan Nyholm, 141, Helsinki.

Aleksandr Jenin, 154¼, Tallinn, Estonia, stopped Rafael Fuentes, 152¾, Spain, at 2:42 in the second round.

Jukka Jarvinen, 197½, Helsinki, knocked out Olmedo N. Jiminez, 177¼, Dominican Republic via Spain, at 1:40 in the second round, with a single overhand left.

Promoter: Kai Niemela
Announcer: Simo Rantalainen
Timekeeper: Johannes Salminen
Judges: Esa Lehtosaari, Olli Maki, Pentti Rautiainen, Veikko Sillantaka
(4-24-90)

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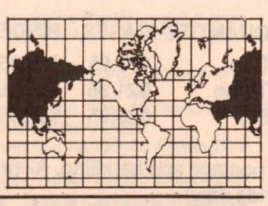

THE ORIENT

JAPAN

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—The card featured the second appearance of Russian imports. The best, **Yury Arbachakov**, 113¾, 2-0 (2), stopped Korean **Jae Hyun Kim**, 112½, at 57 seconds of the fifth round.

Viacheslav Iakovlev, 221, surprisingly lost a majority decision to Lionel Battler, 220, a tricky American hooker, in six. Battler is 3-4 (1); Iakovlev 1-1 (1).

Russian lefty cruiserweight Sebiev Ramzan, 199¼, 2-0 (1), won a unanimous eight-round decision over American Vincent Jones, 5-2 (3).

Lusran Taramov, 199, chalked up a fourth-round TKO over American Leland Hardy, 200, in a scheduled six. The winner is 2-0 (2); Hardy 4-4-1 (4).

Olympic light welterweight gold medalist Viacheslav Ianovski, 141¼, pounded out a one-sided decision (60-54 twice, and 60-55) over Korean Kwon Shik Kim, 139, in six. Ianovski is 2-0 (1); Kim 8-4-6 (4).

Fast-moving lefty Nazarov (Gussie) Olzubek, 135, scored a TKO over Korean Yong Man Chun, 133½, at 50 seconds of the third.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions
Attendance: 1,850 (estimated)
(4-12-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Korean veteran **Dong Chum Lee**, 119, scored a fine knockout over compatriot **Kyung Min Ahn**, 118, with a wicked body shot at 1:33 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Up-and-coming Hiroshi Kuwata, 136, stopped Yoshitatsu Nakazato, 136¾ at 2:32 of the sixth. Kuwata is 5-0 (4); Nakazato 16-7-1 (4).

Yoshikazu Tamasaki, 120, floored lefty Takahito Kageyama, 121, twice en route to a eight-round unanimous decision. Tamasaki is 9-2-4 (3); Kageyama 3-5 (2).

Toshikazu Sono, 126, halted Junki Hirakawa, 125, with the latter's corner tossing in the towel at 41 seconds of the eighth and final session. Sono is 5-3 (1); Hirakawa 6-2-1 (2).

Promoter: Ozeki Maki Promotions, in association with Hideyuki Morikawa
(4-13-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—It was a deluxe doubleheader featuring four national champions. The WBA's number-two rated featherweight, **Eloy Rojas**, 127, Venezuela, 18-0 (17), displayed his awesome power, dropping Thai titlist **Eak Donjadee**, 128, 21-14 (12), in both the first and second rounds, and disposing of him at 36 seconds of the fourth session in a scheduled 10.

Venezuelan junior bantamweight champion David Griman Mendez, 115¾, 9-0, pitched a shutout over Korean champ Byung Kwan Chung, 116, winning a lopsided 10-round decision. (Scoring: 100-91, 100-92, and 100-93.) Mendez, 9-0 (7), is ranked eighth by the WBA. Chung is 18-7-3 (8).

Shiro Yahiro, 110¼, 4-0 (2), overcame a second-round knockdown to win a close but unanimous eight-round decision over Toshihiko Tsujino, 110¼, 5-3 (3). Scores: 78-75, 78-76, and 77-75.

Former All-Japan high school champion Yuichi Kasai, 122, 4-0 (3), stopped Yutaka Matsuoka, 122, at 2:10 of the fifth round.

Promoter: Teiken Promotions
Attendance: 1,600 (estimated)
(4-14-90)

WAKAYAMA—Wakayama Prefectural Gymnasium—Ghanian import **Ebo Danquah Torai**, the WBC's number-10 light flyweight, 112, suffered his second defeat in as many fights in Japan, as he was outsped and outmaneuvered by ex-Japanese flyweight boss **Kenbun Taiho**, 122, losing a unanimous decision in 10. Scores: 97-93, 97-93, and 96-94. Taiho is 16-3-3 (6).

Indonesian Roberto Azumah Terashima, 145, 15-2-2 (6), won a unanimous eight-round decision over Shigenori Motoi, 145. Motoi is 8-10-1 (8).

Promoter: World Kuratoki Promotions
Attendance: 1,230
(4-15-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Lefty **Seisaku Miyagi**, 118, 10-2-3, survived a third- round visit to the deck and earned a close but unanimous 10-round decision over Filipino import **Alan Escamilla Tanaka**, 116¾.

Hard-punching Kenji Tezuka, 107, 11-0 (8), displayed his vaunted power in demolishing Korean Hi Hwang Moon, 108¾, 12-7 (4), at 1:07 of the fifth.

Kenji Yagi, 132, 12-2 (6), dominated every round en route to a unanimous decision over Korean Jung Hoi Park, 132, 6-8.

Promoter: Keihin Kawasaki Promotions
Attendance: 1,800 (estimated)
(4-16-90)

NAGOYA—Nagoya Public Arena—Veteran lefty **Minoru Kujo**, 137¼, 12-18-1 (6), was stopped with one punch by **Hiroyuki Takeda**, 137¾, 7-2-1 (6), at 1:10 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Hideki Fukada, 146, 3-1, won a unanious decision over Curley Shin Sofue, 2-8 (1), 143½, in six.

Atsuhiko Ueno, 126½, repeated his triumph over Tsuyoshi Kamikaze, 128, as the former dropped the latter twice in the opening session and once more in the next. Ueno was a kayo winner at 3:03 of the second round in a scheduled six. Ueno is 6-1 (4); Kamikaze 3-4 (3).

Promoter: Topkoname Promotions
(4-17-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Fast-rising lefty **Ryuichi Suhara**, the JBC's top junior flyweight contender, 110¼, overwhelmed Korean **Sung Kyu Kim**, 110¼, with his opening attack, stopping him at 2:46 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Suhara's southpaw hooks were so effective that Kim, a shorter rival, took a standing count thrice prior to referee Ken Morita's stoppage. Suhara, 21, is 8-1-3 (5).

Hiroaki Fukaya, 126, decisioned Akihiko Rikita, 126, over six. Fukaya is 8-2-1 (2); Rikita 7-7 (3).

Promoter: Kamitaki Promotions
Attendance: 1,850 (estimated)
(4-20-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese welterweight champion **Hiroyuki Yoshino**, 147, the WBC's number-seven contender, registered his 11th consecutive knockout by disposing of **Hideo Kinnami**, 147, at 2:01 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Yoshino, a vaunted left hooker, retained his national throne for the seventh time. Yoshino is 17-3-1 (14); Kinnami 8-8-2 (5).

Lefty puncher Kazuhiro Ogasawara, 121½, 9-2-1 (6), displayed his vicious southpaw lefts in dropping Korean Sang Won Lee, 121½, twice en route to a kayo at 2:38 of the fourth session in the semi-final. Lee is 7-6-1 (3).

Takanori Takakura, 126, floored lefty Fuyuki Maehara, 126, in the opening round and put on give-and-take show en route to a unanimous decision (78-76 twice, and 77-75) in eight. Takakura is 4-1; Maehara 4-5-1 (2).

Promoter: Wantanabe Promotions
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(4-24-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Ex-All Japan high school champion **Hiroshi Kawashima**, 115, showed his power in decking **Kazuma Saeki**, 115, twice prior to referee Kodai Kumazaki declaring a halt at 1:31 of the first round in a scheduled eight. The 20-year-old Kawashima is 5-2-1 (5); Saeki 6-4.

Noriaki Shibuya, 122, polished off Yoshihiro Kaji, 122, at 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled six. Shibuya is 5-1 (4).

Toru Ichiyama, 146¼, 6-2-1 (3), scored a second-round kayo over Koichi Tachibana, 147.

Promoter: Sagamihara Yonekura Promotions
Attendance: 1,950 (estimated)
(4-27-90)

OSAKA—Izumi Civil Gymnasium—Short hooker **Katsumi Komiyama**, the WBA's number-four minimumweight, 106, stopped Thai **Thaveelert Torboonlert**, 107, 14-3 (8), at 2:15 of the seventh session. Komiyama is 15-3-6 (4).

Takeshi Harada, 121¼, 4-0 (3), demolished Pramort Chuvatana, 122, 9-3 (5), with solid body shots at 3:09 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Macho "Yukio" Nakatani, 118, stopped glass-jawed Shinichi Abe, 117½, 8-3 (3), at 2:27 of the first round. Nakatani is 8-3 (8).

Promoter: Harada Promotions
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(4-29-90)

AKASHI—Akashi Central Gymnasium—**Yuzo Yamauchi**, 132¼, 6-3 (5), floored **Hidemitsu Hongo**, 132¼, 8-5 (2), four times and knocked him out at 2:27 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Shigeru Nishide, 126, 5-5-1 (1), won a unanimous decision (77-76, 77-75, and 78-74) over Fumiya Ogaki, 125¾, 4-6 (1), in eight.

Promoter: Japan Athletics Kakogawa
Attendance: 2,150 (estimated)
(4-30-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Russian **Yury Arbachakov**, 112, 3-0 (3), scored another easy triumph by polishing off Filipino **Onglao Diego**, 112½, 15-4, at 1:50 of the opening session in a scheduled 10. A left uppercut to the belly doubled up Diego so effectively that he was unable to resume fighting.

Tomohiko Yokoyama, 115, 6-0 (3), floored Nobuyuki Sudo, 115, 7-10-1 (6), twice and finished him at 2:00 of the second round.

Koichi Yokota, 140, 7-5-2 (6), stopped Tsueneharu Sakaguchi, 140, 5-5 (5), at 1:39 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions
(5-7-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Tall lefty **Leopard Tamakuma**, 26-4 (11), the WBA's top flyweight contender, 112, engaged in a tuneup with Filipino switch-hitter **Flash Calonia**, 111¾, 12-7 (5). Tamakuma had a tough time coping with Calonia's

aggressiveness, but finally caught him to score a stoppage at 54 seconds of the 10th and final round.

The semi-final saw American Genaro Hernandez, 129, California, 18-0 (9), the WBA's number-two junior lightweight, score a terrific one-punch knock-out over gutsy Filipino Leon Collins, 129, 28-14-5 (3), at 47 seconds of the third round. Referee: Kodai Kumazaki.

Ryoichi Kobayashi, 126, decisioned Masahiro Mori, 126, in six.

Promoters: Kokusai, Shinto Promotions
(5-10-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having been beaten by Khaosai Galaxy twice in his quest for the WBA junior bantamweight throne, **Kenji Matsumura**, 116, 10-4-1 (6), the WBA's number-six contender, scored an impressive one-punch kayo over Filipino **Al Vicen**, 114, at 2:51 of the third session in a scheduled 10. It was a one-sided affair from the start.

Up-and-coming Tsukasa Watanabe, 125¼, 10-1-1 (7), kayoed Jun Sato, 126, at 2:59 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Pierre Fontain, 130, an American living here, won by split decision over Toshikazu Suzuki, 130, in eight. Fontain is 10-1 (6); Suzuki 5-1-1 (2).

Vinnie Martin, 158¾, took a unanimous decision over Satoshi Yokozaki, 158, in eight. Martin is 5-1-1 (1); Yokozaki 5-6-2 (5).

Promoter: KTT Promotions
(5-11-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Rugged puncher **Takeyuki Akagi**, 130, 10-1 (7), proved too powerful for Filipino **Trican Panas**, 129¼, 13-6 (2), decking him for the count at 2:34 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10.

Former Japanese junior welterweight champion Yoshifumi Kitajima, 147, 11-5-4 (1), won a 10-round spilt decision over Douglas Ryuma, 145, 11-5 (5).

Promoter: Shin Nippon Kimura Promotions

Attendance: 2,800 (estimated)
(5-14-90)

Joe Koizumi

SOUTH KOREA

SUWON—Suwon Green Pier Hotel—Former IBF world mini flyweight champion **Kyung Yung Lee**, 107¼, the WBC's top contender, was awarded a technical decision over Filipino **Nikki Maca**, 106½, in the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Lee, a busy switch-hitter, had the upper hand, and sent his foe to the deck with a straight right in the seventh round. The sixth saw Lee bleeding from a gash on the left eyelid which prompted the stoppage.

Promoter: Camel Promotions (Palpal Promotions has changed its name with the sponsorship of the cigarette company Camel)
(4-15-90)

SEOUL—Seoul Intercontinental Hotel—In the semifinal of the WBA junior flyweight title bout of Myung Woo Yuh vs. Leo Gamez, a controversial decision was rendered to **Ju Sup Shin**, 106¾, 9-0 (5), over **Juan Blanco**, 106¼, Venezuela, 9-3-3 (4), in their 10-rounder. Though a unanimous decision was expected to go to Blanco, it was Shin who took the verdict. Ramiro Machado, the manager of Blanco, protested the hometown decision.

Lefty Jae Sok Park, 113¼, 14-1 (6), gained a lopsided 10-round decision over Japan's Yasutaka Sakurai, 112½, 7-7-2.

Sung Tae Chang, 154½, 7-2 (3), won a 10-rounder over Sung In Lee, 12-5 (9), 156.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions
(4-29-90)

SEOUL—Seoul Hilton Hotel—OPBF mini flyweight champion **Hi Yong Choi**, 108¼, 7-0 (3), halted tough Japanese **Hitoshi Taniuchi**, 108½, in the seventh round of their non-title bout. The loser's cornerman tossed in the towel.

Chong Pil Park, 125½, became the new Korean featherweight titlist as he floored Sang Hak Lee, 125¾, twice in the seventh and finished him at 1:32 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10. Park is 16-2 (5); Lee 5-4 (1).

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions
(5-12-90)

Joe Koizumi and Yoo-Chang Kim

THAILAND

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Nagrub Sorphayathai**, 122, 11-2 (7), won a unanimous six-round decision over **Thantavan Naphataya**, 122.
(4-3-90)

SAMUTHPRAKARN—Sumrong Stadium—Thai junior featherweight champion **Noree Jockygym**, 124, 30-8-1 (13), was befuddled by the southpaw style of Indonesian bantamweight **Kandan**, 124, but disposed of him with good rights in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
(4-8-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Samor Donjadee**, 135, seized the vacant national lightweight title as he was awarded a 10-round unanimous decision over **Monchai Sorjaturong**, 135.
(4-11-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Ratana Singsamang**, 132, 18-3 (10), repeated his superiority over ex-Thai champion **Ayuthaya Sithphakamron**, 132, winning a unanimous six-round decision.
(4-17-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Vin Chuvatana**, 106, stopped **Pornchai Sorthaveerat**, 106, at 1:37 of the first round.

Noparatnoi Vorvarapol, 142, stopped Wanchai Siththiyon, 142, in the first minute of the opening session.
(4-22-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Asvin Sithlukmuang**, 105, TKO'd **Ded Donjadee**, 105, the TBC's top contender, in the fourth round and gained the Thai mini flyweight title.
(4-25-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Former OPBF junior flyweight champion **Den Chuvatana**, 115, 13-4 (6), stopped **Saksurin Kiatkranbinthai**, 116, in the first round.
(4-26-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thirty-eight-year-old **Suradej Klongphajorn**, 134, easily finished **Somchai Sorthaveerat**, 132, at 1:45 of the first.
(4-29-90)

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PHILIPPINES

SUBANIPA, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Tom Ramos, 122, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Jun Edward**, 121. Wencislao Temporada refereed.
(3-24-90)

PASAY CITY, METRO MANILA—Pasay Sports Complex—Underdog **Darry Cabales**, 133, 13-10-5 (6), produced an upset and won the Filipino lightweight title by chalking up a TKO over **Bernabe Aliping**, 135, at 2:18 of the fifth. Aliping is 31-11-3 (14). Oscar Reyes, ex-Orient junior lightwight champion, refereed.

Sergio Pepito, 112, 10-1-1 (4), scored a fifth-round TKO over Rolando Naraga, 109½.

Max Forrosuelo, 15-11-5 (4), finished Perfecto Magistrado, 104½, at 2:50 of the sixth session. Tomas Evaristo refereed.

Raffy Montalban, 116, TKO'd Welgie Leonora, 119, at 1:35 of the fourth.

Promoter: Leon Ryes
(4-20-90)

VIRAC, CATANDUANES—Ex-Filipino junior featherweight champion **Little Bangoyan**, 122, chalked up a TKO over **Ador Rionesto**, 121, at 34 seconds of the third round, scheduled for 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.

Larry Samiento, 124½, stopped Gani Galido, 121, at 2:55 of the third.
(4-21-90)

INDONESIA

MANADO, NORTH SULAWESI ISLAND—Husni Ray easily retained the Indonesian mini flyweight title with a 12-round decision over **Harnold Lonto**.

In the semi-final 10-rounder, former national super bantamweight champion Robby Rahangmetan scored a sixth-round kayo over Thai Narong Monya.
(5-12-90)

MALANG, EAST JAVA—The OPBF's junior bantamweight eliminator ended in a technical draw, as two Indonesians, **Kid Samora** and **Maryanus**, had a bad collision of heads. The bout was stopped midway through the third round.

Aloycious Cry retained the Indonesian junior bantamweight title, as he drew with former champion Yossi Amnifu in 12.

Azadin Anhar outpointed Hudi in a junior flyweight 10-rounder.

Noce Lukman was held to a draw by Gofur in a featherweight eight.

Joko Mora beat Ginono in a bantamweight six.

Michael Tampani drew with Faisal in a mini flyweight six.
(5-18-90)

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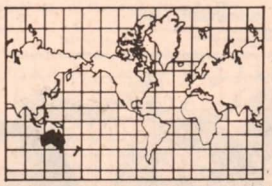

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AUSTRALIA

RED HILL—Ronald Doo, 152¾, halted **Matthew Smith**, 152¾, in round nine of a 12 at the Broncos League Club, in what was billed as an Australian junior middleweight title defense by Doo. The Australian National Boxing Federation (ANBF) recognizes Doo as champion, but the Professional Boxing Association of Australia International (PBAAI) does not. The PBAAI line is the more legitimate one.

Smith, Western Australia, substituted for Northern Territory's John Siriotis at three days' notice. He put on a hard fight but was behind all the way. In round nine, referee Steve Scott applied a standing count, then allowed the contest to continue. Doo landed several blows without return, whereupon Scott stopped the fight. The time was 61 seconds.

At the end of round eight, judge Clyde Williams had it 80-68, judge Chris Daley, 80-69, and judge Alan Moore, 80-69. It was an exciting fight that drew a large shower of money from the fans. Doo is 40-9-5 (21); Smith dropped to 9-12-1 (5).

Over eight rounds, Paulo Pinto, 136¾, outpointed Tilta Halpin, 138¾. It was clear-cut, with scores of 79-74, 80-73, and 79-74. Moore refereed. Pinto is 2-1 with one no contest. Halpin is 2-3.

Kid Glover, 143½, outpointed Selwyn Currie, 150, over six.

Gary Wills, 180¾, knocked out Greg Liddle, 167½, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Chris Seng, 152¼, won a four-round decision over Nick McConville, 155.

Barry Boland, 144½, scored a two-round kayo over Jamie Fooks, 145½.

Ivan Bruckner, 131¼, took a four-round nod over Rupert Goddard, 128.

Phil Prost, 134½, knocked out Dave Snape, 136¾ in the second round.

Promoter: Col. McIlwaine of Ringside Promotions
(3-30-90)

MELBOURNE—The Festival Hall—Argentine **Alberto Cortes**, 140¼, halted Australian **Lester Ellis**, 140¾, at the end of round six. Ellis quit because of blurred vision. It was a great disappointment for Ellis, 33-4-1 (21), the former IBF junior lightweight champion, who was hoping to get a shot at another world title. At the end of round six, judge Cliff Heaver had Cortes ahead 59-55; judge Chris Anderson had Ellis ahead, 58-57; judge Pauline Steinmann had it even at 57. Malcolm Bulner refereed.

Attila Fogas, 146¾, 6-2-2 (1), outpointed Rocky Pirrottina, 143½, 28-15-2 (5), over 10 to win the Victorian state welterweight crown by scores of 99-90, 97-94, and 98-93. Chris Anderson refereed.

Ross Richmond, 140, won an eight-round decision over Paul Delosa, 141.

Guy Murdoch, 162, 3-12-3, won his first in almost two years when he outpointed previously unbeaten Mick Hargraves, 156¼, 7-1 (2), over eight.

Carlos Araneda ,124½, drew with Craig Nicholls, 125¾, over four.

Promoter: Bill Mordey (Classic Promotions)
(4-11-90)

BANKSTOWN—Bankstown Sports Club—American **Jack Johnson**, 188½, 5-3-1 (1), retained the New South Wales state heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Australian heavyweight **Dean Waters**, 189½, over 10 in this Sydney suburb. Waters was very far behind entering the last round. He must've know this because he cut loose and eventually decked Johnson, who beat the fatal 10 and desperately tried to stay upright and survive the round. He barely managed, as Waters swarmed over him. Fans were on their feet. Now if that round had been more than four minutes, or even 3½ . . .

Judges Michael Clarke, Keith Dudley, and John Cauchi scored Johnson the winner by 98-94, 96-94, and 98-92, respectively. *The Ring* saw it 96-91 for Johnson. Waters is 8-4 (3).

Les Fear, 140, fought Steve Betts, 141, to a majority draw over eight rounds. Scores were 78-78, 76-76, and 77-76 for Fear. It was a good fight.

Brax Burley, 140, was unlucky in his sixer with Mick King, 140. Burley led from the start but received a cut deep on his nose. Doctor said the cut was too serious, so King was declared the winner at end of round three.

In another six-rounder, Paul Nasari, 133½, outpointed Craig Drummond, 132½.

Adam Gray, 189½, won a four-round decision over Kerry Spero, 189½.

Gabbie Toubia, 147¾, halted Darren Goodwin, 144¼, in the fourth and final round of a four. Goodwin's license has been withdrawn.

In another four-rounder, Majid Kalhor and Ela Schadit, two newcomers who now live here, fought to a split decision, with Kalhor winning. Each scaled 147¾.

Promoter: Barry Raff
(4-18-90)

CLAREMONT—Perth Superdrome—Former Australian middleweight champion **Lou Cafaro**, 158¾, regained the Australian title from the man he lost it to, **Graig Trotter**, 159½. Cafaro lost the first fight via an 11th-round kayo. Their second fight was as good as their first. Entering the 11th round, Trotter was ahead on points and Cafaro was right on the edge. At the end of the round his trainer, Laurie Flanders, said he would throw in the towel. Cafaro pleaded to continue, so Flanders gave him an ultimatum: "I'll give you 30 seconds," he said. "If you cop punishment in that time, or lower your guard or take a pace backwards, I will throw in the towel."

After touching gloves, Cafaro went on the attack. Halfway through the round, it was Trotter's corner which threw in a towel! It was judged the best battle in the state of Western Australia in the last 25 years.

In what was a fairly even contest, Australian bantamweight champion Robert Spencer, 121¼, halted Brian Bullock, 120½, because of a cut eye. Bullock failed to answer the bell for the start of round four.

Ricardo Monteleone, 151, TKO'd Lorne Lehman, 149½, in round eight. Bill Driffill refereed.

Alan Gibson, 147½, Victoria, drew with local Brad Mogridge, 144¾.

Promoter: Perth Superdrome

Matchmaker: Sam Bruno
(4-20-90)

GATTON—Noel Thornberry, 167, TKO'd **Laurie Howe**, 164¾, in the fourth, scheduled for eight. Referee: Alan Moore.

Promoter: Noel Thronberry
(4-20-90)

TOOWOOMBA—Former amateur champion and 1988 Olympian **Darrell Hiles**, 139¼, 1-0, scored a seventh-round kayo over **Roy Ludlum**, 144¾.

Chris Seng, 154, a comer, decisioned Nick McConville, 157¾, over six.

Dave Shaw, 150, drew with Phil Frost, 143¼, over four rounds.

Promoter: Neil Kelly
(4-21-90)

DAPTO—Leagues Club—**Patrick Axisa**, 159¾, edged **Wayne Betts**, 160, in an eight-rounder. Axisa is son of matchmaker/promoter Frank Axisa.

Patrick Mailo, 152¼, kayoed Florencio Rodriguez, 151½, in one round.

Sam Francis, 134½, won a four-round decison over Ken Monaghan, 140.

Matchmaker: Frank Axisa
(4-26-90)

TWEED HEADS—Troy Waters, 152¾, defended the Commonwealth junior middleweight title with a ninth-round stoppage of **Ronald Doo**, 153½, in a scheduled 12-rounder.

In an eight-rounder, Dale Artango, 147½, decisioned Kid Glover, 147¾, by a two-point margin on all cards.

Chris Seng, 152¼, caused an upset by winning a split decision over Rod Price, 153¼.

Barry Boland, 146, won a six-round decision over Tilta Halpin, 143.

Promoter: Marty Rhone
(4-28-90)

MELBOURNE—The Melbourne Showground—Thunder destroyed Lightning. **Jimmy Thunder**, 217, 8-0 (8), the Melbourne-based, New Zealand-born heavyweight who holds the WBC International heavyweight crown, stopped American **Mark "White Lightning" Lee**, 236½, at 1:22 of the first round.

In six-rounders: Shane Delaney, 165¼, decisioned Chris Nicolaou, 164¼.

Sam Skoutariotis, 147¼, beat Mark Glover, 148¾.

In four-rounders, Chris Noble, 135, drew with Brett Walters, 139½.

Craig Nicholls, 126, decisioned Danny Araneda, 126¼.

In a three-rounder, John Powell, 126, outpointed Danny Araneda's brother, Carlos, 127¼.

Promoter: Don Stuchberry
(5-1-90)

RED HILL—Former Australian middleweight champion **Mark Janssen**, 158¾, 21-0 (12), flattened Fijian import **Pauliasi Ratu**, 163¼, with three seconds left in round three. Referee Alan Moore counted out Ratu.

Scott Baker, 127¾, won a six-round decision over Rupert Goddard, 126¾.

Flash Gordon, 134½, drew with Phil Frost, 134½, over four.

In other fours, Barry Boland, 145½, decisioned Selwyn Currie, 148¾.

Geoff Hemsley, 130, stopped Simon Hay, 130, in the second.
(5-4-90)

Ray Mitchell

NEW ZEALAND

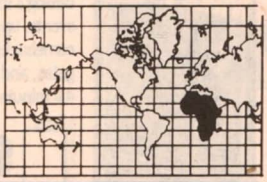
AUCKLAND—Glenfield Stadium—New Zealand middleweight champion **Pilau Taito's** attempt to win the national light heavyweight championship was a short and painful one. **Raeli Raeli** dropped Taito four times en route to a first-round TKO.

In an exciting heavyweight bout, Lindsay Christiensen stopped Pryce Harris with one second

left in the fourth round.
Sio Tanuvasa, 2-0, dropped Jason Rarere twice in the opening round and battered him until the ringside doctor stopped the fight in the fourth because of cuts.
Heavyweight Dave McFarlane kayoed Arthur Fay at 2:05 of round one.
Promoter and matchmaker: Justan Higgins
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(4-24-90)

AUCKLAND—Mandalay Centre—New Zealand cruiserweight champion **Lance Revill** scored a hollow win when opponent **Sione Revu** turned his back on the action in round two.
Promoter: Auckland Boxing Association
(5-2-90)

Johnny Hanks



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

PORT ELIZABETH—Brighton Centenary Great Hall—Bantamweight **Mxolisi Mayekiso** completely outclassed **Barry Mthembu** before stopping him in the sixth round.
In a six-rounds featherweight fight, Olvin Mthembu scored an easy points decision over Vumole Dyakala.
Promoter: David Faas
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(3-4-90)

MEDUNSA—Medunsa University Hall—**Hope Guliwe** won the vacant Transvaal lightweight title with a rather dull points decision over 10 rounds against **Walter Mpungose**.
Promoter: Sam Monane of Alexander Promotions
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(3-4-90)

DURBAN—Red Cross Hall—**Sipho Mathonsi** scored a narrow 10-rounds points decision over **Christopher Phungula**.
Making a comeback after an absence of four years, heavyweight Ron Ellis scored a knockout after 2:34 of the first round over Elliot Mchunu.
Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(3-5-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall—Promising young Cape welterweight **Gary Murray**, 7-0, looked impressive in scoring a second-round knockout over American **Felix Dubray**, 17-6-1.
Leonard Friedman scored a sixth-round TKO over Jim Murray.
Promoters: Mike Segal, Moshe Simantov
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(3-11-90)

ELDORADO PARK—Don Mateman Hall—**Jacob Matlala**, 28-8-1, the former South African junior flyweight champion, was most impressive in scoring a lopsided 10-rounds points decision over Mexican import **Ramon Solis**. The shorter Matlala attacked from the first bell against his game opponent, who was durable but lacked the necessary skills.
Promoter: Reggie Hillman—Future Promotions
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)

THABONG—**Johannes Hoshella** stopped **Abel Mbotho** in the second round of their junior welterweight bout for the Orange Free State title.
Promoter: Mzolisa Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 50
(3-11-90)

BLOEMFONTEIN—Bloemfontein Showgrounds—**David Molahloe** became the new Orange Free State bantamweight champion when he stopped **Elisha Mofokeng** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. The title was vacant.
Promoter: A & J Promotions—Andre Van Tonder
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(3-27-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall—**Jacques Smith**, the South African welterweight who was voted Prospect of the Year for 1989, looked unimpressive in winning a 10-round decision over American **Jake Carollo**.
Middleweight Gerhard Botes completely outclassed the inexperienced Danny Nel over 10 rounds to win the vacant Transvaal middleweight title.
Promoters: Golden Gloves, Rodney Berman
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(3-29-90)

DURBAN—St. John's Hall—**Alfred Ngcezu** scored an easy six-round points win over **David Khumalo**; junior lightweights.
In a lively flyweight bout scheduled for four rounds, Zeblon Maphanga scored a knockout in the third round against Albert Shabangu.
Promoter: You & Me Promotions—Pay Mkwanazi
Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(3-31-90)

CAPE TOWN—Cape of Good Hope Centre—Former South African junior welterweight champion **Phumzile Madikane** scored an impressive fifth-round TKO over West German-based **Salvador Yanez**; welterweights.
Promoter: International Boxing Promotions—Manny Ribeiro
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(3-31-90)

CAPE TOWN—Sats Sports Complex—In a welterweight clash, **Sidney Msuthu** scored a third-round knockout victory over **Chris Jewel**.
Promoter: Style Promotions—Aubrey Faber
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(4-7-90)

PORT ELIZABETH—Centenary Great Hall—Welterweight prospect **Hennie Strydom** scored his sixth consecutive victory when he stopped Orange Free state champion **Elvis Mapahla** in the eighth and final round of a grueling and exciting battle.
In a scrappy welterweight contest, Linda Nondzaba and Chris Peters drew over eight rounds.
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(4-8-90)

PRETORIA—Pretoria University Indoor Arena—The rematch between South African middleweight champion **Charles Oosthuizen** and Australian **Paul Toweel** was a complete farce, as Toweel fell to the canvas in the second round, clutching his back before being counted out.
The Boxing Control Board witheld Toweel's purse. Oosthuizen is 23-7; Toweel 28-9.
Joseph Whio scored a unanimous 10-round points decision over Lunga Dundu and captured the Transvaal junior featherweight title.
Promoter: World Sports Programs—Thinus Strydom
Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)
(4-9-90)

DURBAN—First National Bank Indoor Arena—**Abram Gumede**, the South African lightweight champion, scored a lopsided 10-round decision over Mexican import **Leonard Valdez**.
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)

LADYSMITH—Indoor Sports Complex—**Petro Mpikashe** retained the national lightweijght title when he scored a stunning fifth-round knockout over **Christopher Phungula**.
Promoter: Starline Promotions
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(4-21-90)

SPRINGS—Springs Indoor Arena—South African junior lightweight champion **Ditau Molefyane** had little trouble in scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over **Nigel Haddock**, Wales, in a one-sided encounter.
Promoter: VIP Promotions, Marcus Nkosi
Attendance: 1,400 (estimated)
(4-22-90)

MORULA SUN—Morula Sun Hotel—Lightweight **Aladin Stevens** scored a narrow 10-round decision over **Grant Messias** in an entertaining encounter.
Junior lightweight Jerry Ngobeni, 14-1, stopped Mexican Jose Luis Batista, 18-6-2, in seven rounds.
Promoter: Sun International, Russell McMillan
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(4-25-90)

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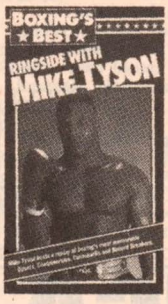

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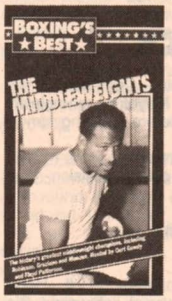

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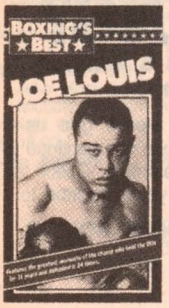

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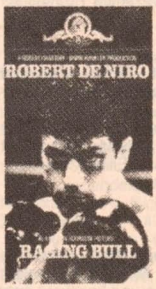

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DOMINICK BUFANO

(Gym Proprietor)

By Joseph C. Tintle

Open the dingy green door, walk up the creaking flight of steps, and turn left. Go through the dusty pool hall where Willie Mosconi once shot billiards. Follow the rhythmic sounds of the speed bags and the grunts of men and boys who dream of prizefighting glory. This is Bufano's Gym, a grimy, ill-lighted institution on the corner of Oakland and Beacon Avenues in Jersey City, New Jersey. The paint-chipped walls are covered with fight posters of bygone years, and the main ring breathes memories of former world titlists and local pugs.

Oh, yeah, that little old guy sitting in the corner? That's Dominick Bufano. He owns the joint.

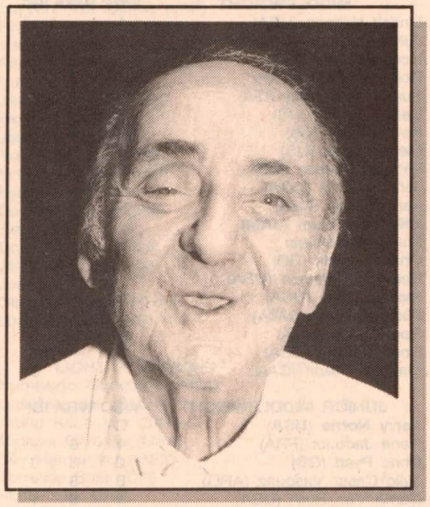
"Been here goin' on 45 years," says the 81-year-old Bufano, who views his surroundings with a half-closed right eye. "Been in boxing since I was eight, and I can still punch."

Bufano fought only as an amateur, but scores of pros have trained in his gym: Sonny Liston, Chuck Wepner, Joe Bugner, Matthew Hilton, Buddy McGirt, Gus Lesnevich, Jerry Quarry, and Hurricane Carter. "It's the place to train," Wepner says. "It's old and grungy—the way it's supposed t' be."

Little, if anything, has changed since Bufano started the gym.

When Al Certo, who manages welterweight contender McGirt, tried to convince Bufano to change his ring canvas for the first time in recent memory, the old guy balked. Finally, when Certo offered to pay for it, Bufano's good eye lit up.

"I paid for it," Certo said, "because I had to protect Buddy. When he sparred on it, it was like he was walking on waves. He could've sprained an ankle. And guess what? After we took the canvas off, we found several more canvases underneath."



But don't get the idea that Bufano is cheap. He charges fighters only $25 a month, and youngsters who have no money train for free. "What am I gonna do," he says, "tell a poor kid he can't fight here?"

Besides, Bufano doesn't need the money. He not only owns the gym, but the entire building, which includes a three-family apartment.

"A lot of name fighters who've passed through here have tried to give me money to keep the place going," he says, "but I never took a penny."

Nor did he ever train one of those big-name fighters. "But he always tries hard for the journeymen he does handle," says Wepner, who sought Bufano's help in 1975, when the heavyweight fought Muhammad Ali.

"When we heard we were gonna fight Ali," says Al Braverman, who managed Wepner, "Chuck says t' me, 'Al, we gotta have Dominick along.' "

"Yeah," said Wepner's trainer, Paddy Flood, "he'll make *some* whammy."

"Whaddaya mean?" Braverman asked.

"Look at him," said Flood. "One eye is off and he's a weird-lookin' sonofabitch. Maybe he can put the whammy on Ali."

A week later, Bufano sneaked into Ali's camp in Cleveland. He wore baggy plaid pants and an old-fashioned red tie, and the few remaining tufts of hair on the sides of his head were greased and shaped like devil horns. Spying Ali, he bent into a crouch, extended his pinky and forefinger on each hand, and screamed, "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

Ali was not amused. "Get that guy out of here," the champ shouted.

A wire service photographer caught the moment, and the photo ran in newspapers around the country. Suddenly Bufano was a star. And, according to Braverman, he acted like one, ignoring his everyday tasks.

"So I called his hotel room late one night and pretended I was one of Ali's people," Braverman says. "I said, 'Dominick, lissen brother, we're gonna cut yo f____ head off for doin' whatcha done t' Ali.' "

Bufano panicked and ran to Braverman's room.

"They're gonna kill me!" he shouted in his whining voice. "I can't be no whammy no more."

Braverman assured him that everything would be fine, and told him to stop the big-shot routine. "Anything, anything," Bufano said. From then on, Bufano dutifully carried the spit bucket without complaint. ■

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HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
Gary Mason (GB)	4	5	6
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	5	-	9
Alex Stewart (JAM)	6	4	5
George Foreman (USA)	7	-	-
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	7	8
Jose Ribalta (USA)	9	6	-
Mark Wills (USA)	10	-	-
Michael Dokes (USA)	11	-	7
Carl Williams (USA)	14	8	4
Seamus McDonagh (USA)	12	9	-
Adilson Rodrigues (BRA)	13	10	-
Greg Page (USA)	27	-	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	C	-	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	2	2
Nate Miller (USA)	2	3	3
Derek Angol (GB)	3	6	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	-	-
Jose Flores Burlon (URU)	5	5	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	6	12	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	7	-	-
James Warring (USA)	8	4	10
Lance Revill (NZ)	9	-	-
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	22	1	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	7	11
Glenn McCrory (GB)	18	8	9
Craig Bodzianowski (USA)	25	9	-
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	13	10	-
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	1
Leroy Murphy (USA)	-	-	4
Richard Mason (USA)	11	-	5
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	6
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	7
Bash Ali (USA)	-	11	8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	1	1	9
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	2	2	2
Joe Lasisi (NIG)	3	8	11
Leslie Stewart (TRI)	4	-	-
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	5	3	8
Yawe Davis (UGA)	6	-	-
Tom Collins (GB)	7	7	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	8	9	12
Andrew Maynard (USA)	9	-	6
Bobby Czyz (USA)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	4	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	13	5	-
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	16	6	5
David Vedder (USA)	-	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Rodrigo Benech (URU)	27	-	1
James Kinchen (USA)	11	-	3
Freddie Delgado (PR)	21	-	4
Frankie Swindell (USA)	-	-	7
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	3	4
Don Lee (USA)	3	9	-
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	4	11	11
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	5	6	-
Paul Muyodi (UGA)	6	-	-
Ron Essett (USA)	7	8	6
Paul Whittaker (USA)	8	5	10
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	9	2	3
Dan Schommer (USA)	10	-	-
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	18	1	7
Dan Morgan (USA)	11	7	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	25	10	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Frank Tate (USA)	12	-	1
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	2
John Jarvis (USA)	-	-	5
Dave Tiberi (USA)	-	-	8
Carl Sullivan (USA)	26	-	9

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lindell Holmes (USA)	1	-	-
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	3	2	3
Roberto Duran (PAN)	4	5	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	5	1	6
Dennis Milton (US)	6	11	10
Kevin Watts (US)	7	10	-
Merqui Sosa (US)	8	7	11
Michael Watson (GB)	9	6	7
John Mugabi (UGA)	10	-	-
Iran Barkley (USA)	12	8	4
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Frank Winterstein	-	-	9
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	3	-
Reginald Johnson (USA)	-	4	2
Steve Collins (USA)	11	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Ron Collins (USA)	20	12	8
Donald Curry (USA)	14	-	1
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	5

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	1	6	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	2	5	6
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	3	3	-
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	4	8	1
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	5
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	6	1	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	7	7	10
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	8	2	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	9	4	7
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	10	-	-
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	9	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	15	10	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	16	-	2
Robert Hines (USA)	-	-	3
Arthur Serwano (USA)	12	-	4
Karama Leota (USA)	-	-	8
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	20	-	9

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marlon Starling (USA)	C	-	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	1	2	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	2	5	1
Aaron Davis (USA)	3	6	2
Glenwood Brown (USA)	4	4	4
Jose Bermudez (COL)	5	7	-
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	6	11	8
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	7	-	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	8	-	11
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	9	3	6
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	10	-	-
Mark Breland (USA)	-	C	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	7
Fujio Ozaki (JAP)	-	10	-
Antoine Fernandez (FRA)	14	8	5
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	25	9	-
Tyrone Trice (USA)	11	-	3
Kevin Pompey (USA)	-	-	9
Victor Davis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	2	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	3	1
Angel Hernandez (PR)	3	5	12
Roger Mayweather (USA)	4	6	7
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	5	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	6	4	3
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	7	-	-
Terrence Alli (GUY)	8	-	5
Efren Calamati (ITA)	9	10	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	10	1	-
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	-	7	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	12	8	4
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	21	9	-
Santos Cardona (USA)	-	11	9
Louie Lomeli (USA)	16	-	2
Harold Brazier (USA)	11	-	6
Rodney Moore (USA)	17	-	8
Ras-I-Bramble (USA)	20	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	4	1
Primo Ramos (MEX)	4	2	4
Darryl Tyson (USA)	5	5	5
Anthony Jones (USA)	6	8	-
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	-	6
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	8	6	8
David Gonzales (USA)	9	-	9
Mario Martinez (MEX)	10	-	-
Juan Nazario (PR)	-	C	-
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	11	7	12
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	17	9	-
William Rojas (VEN)	-	10	7
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	13	-	2
John Duplessis (USA)	14	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (US)	3	2	4
Jim McDonnell (GB)	4	9	-
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	5	-	-
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	6	10	8
Bernard Taylor (USA)	7	8	5
George Navarro (USA)	8	-	-
John-John Molina (USA)	9	-	C
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Renaldo Carter (USA)	-	1	10
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	3	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	17	4	7
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	5	-
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	6	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	15	7	-
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	25	-	1
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	11	2
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	16	-	3
Calvin Grove (USA)	26	-	6
Lupe Suarez (USA)	12	-	9

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	1	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	2	2	1
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	3	3	4
Chan Mok Park (KOR)	4	-	-
Javier Marquez (MEX)	5	-	-
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	6	5	-
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	-	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	8	7	10
Steve Cruz (US)	9	-	12
Louie Espinoza (US)	10	-	7
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	16	1	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	22	4	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	18	6	-
Jorge Romero (MEX)	20	8	-
Edward Parker (USA)	-	9	-
Jackie Gunguluea (SA)	-	10	-
Myron Taylor (USA)	14	-	2

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WBA as of May
IBF as of May

Troy Dorsey (USA)	23	-	3
Alfred Rangel (USA)	17	-	5
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	19	-	6
Harold Rhodes (USA)	13	-	8
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Seung Hoon Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	2	6	-
Jesse Benavides (USA)	3	3	5
Tracy Patterson (USA)	4	11	8
Chan Young Park (KOR)	5	-	-
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	6	-	12
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	7	7	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	8	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	9	1	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	-	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	16	2	-
Carlos Uribe (CHIL)	13	4	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	5	-
Ki Yun Lee (KOR)	19	8	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	11	9	-
Ray Minus (BAH)	-	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	2
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	-	3
Kelvin Seabrooks (USA)	-	-	4
Baby Rojas (USA)	-	-	6
Fransie Badenhorst (SA)	-	-	7
Ramon Cruz (PR)	-	-	9
Joe Orewa (USA)	22	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	1	2
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	4	7	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	5	3	8
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	6	5	-
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	-	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	8	9	5
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	9	-	6
Lupe Rubio (MEX)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Kaokor Galaxy (THAI)	-	2	-
Paul Gonzalez (USA)	20	4	10
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	6	-
Cesar Salas (VEN)	-	8	-
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	10	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	22	-	1
Duke McKenzie (GB)	14	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	26	-	4
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	-	7
Ray Minus (BAH)	16	-	9

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	12
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	2	1	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	8	-
Gilberto Roman (MEX)	4	4	3
Carlos Mercado (COL)	5	12	1
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	6	2	10
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	7	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	8	5	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	9	-	-
Javier Lucas (MEX)	10	-	-
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	20	3	-
Ray Paciones (PHI)	12	6	2
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	14	7	-
Cesar Polanco (DR)	11	9	-
Duke McKenzie (GB)	-	10	-
Juan Polo (COL)	-	-	4
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	5
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	6
Jaji Shibali (SA)	-	-	7
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	8
Sombat Uasampan (THAI)	-	-	9

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	2
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	6	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	10	10
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	5	1	4
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	6	4	1
Ysaias Zamudio (MEX)	7	-	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	8	-	-
Yunun Chin (KOR)	9	8	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	10	9	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	2	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	12	3	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	-	C	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	5	-
Eyup Can (TUR)	13	7	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Fidel Bassa (COL)	-	-	3
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	14	-	5
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	6
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	7
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	8
Louis Curtis (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Luis Monzote (CUBA)	1	8	-
Jeung Keun Lim (JAP)	2	4	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	3	2	1
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	4	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	5	-	7
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	6	-	5
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	7	-	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	8	-	11
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	9	-	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	10	5	6
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	16	1	8
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Jose Lagos (ARG)	-	6	-
Iroki Ioka (JAP)	-	7	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	9	-
Namhoon Cha (KOR)	-	10	-
Muangshai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	C
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	-	-	2
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	14	-	3
Ysaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	4
Mario DeMarco (ARG)	-	-	9
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	12
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Napa Kiatwanchai (THA)	3	-	6
Hector Patri (ARG)	4	9	-
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	5	7	3
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	6	3	10
Hiyong Choi (KOR)	7	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	8	-	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	9	-	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	29	5	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	6	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	13	8	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	10	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Luis Monzote (USA)	-	-	2
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	27	-	4
Francisco Montiel (MEX)	-	-	5
Joe Constantino (PHI)	-	-	7
Macario Santos (MEX)	16	-	8
Rocky Lim (JAP)	24	-	9

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GENE OF STEEL NERVES

An Intimate Picture Of Gene Tunney, The Man Who Flew To Challenge A Champion

From The Ring, October 1927

By Francis Albertanti

Charlie Lindbergh and Gene Tunney made aviation history that will live long in the memories of the present generation and be talked about for generations to come.

The obscure youth who spanned the great Atlantic received a reception that surpassed the welcoming of our victorious troops after the World War.

One of Uncle Sam's valiant warsmen astounded fistic fandom a few hours before he shuffled into the rain-soaked Sesqui ring a year ago to wrest the mythical heavyweight crown off Jack Dempsey's brow, by deliberately flying from his training camp at Stroudsburg to Philadelphia.

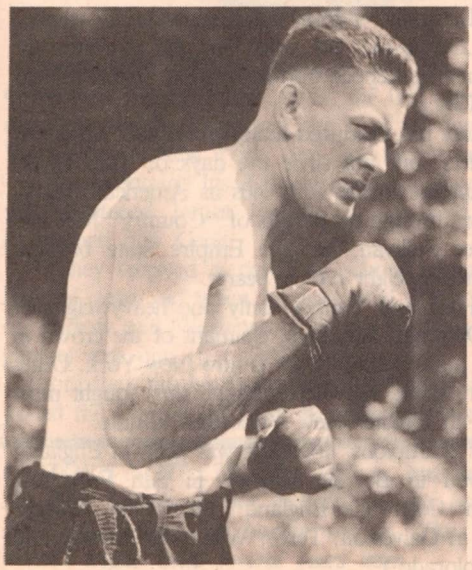
If Lindbergh's engine had gone wrong on the perilous trip, he would have made a nice delicacy for the whales. But it was in the cards for Charlie to become the pioneer of ocean flyers.

So it goes for Tunney. He had all to lose and nothing to gain taking the flyer, as it were. Some little accident might have forestalled his winning stand, and perhaps ruined him for all time as challenger for the wealthiest plum in pugilism.

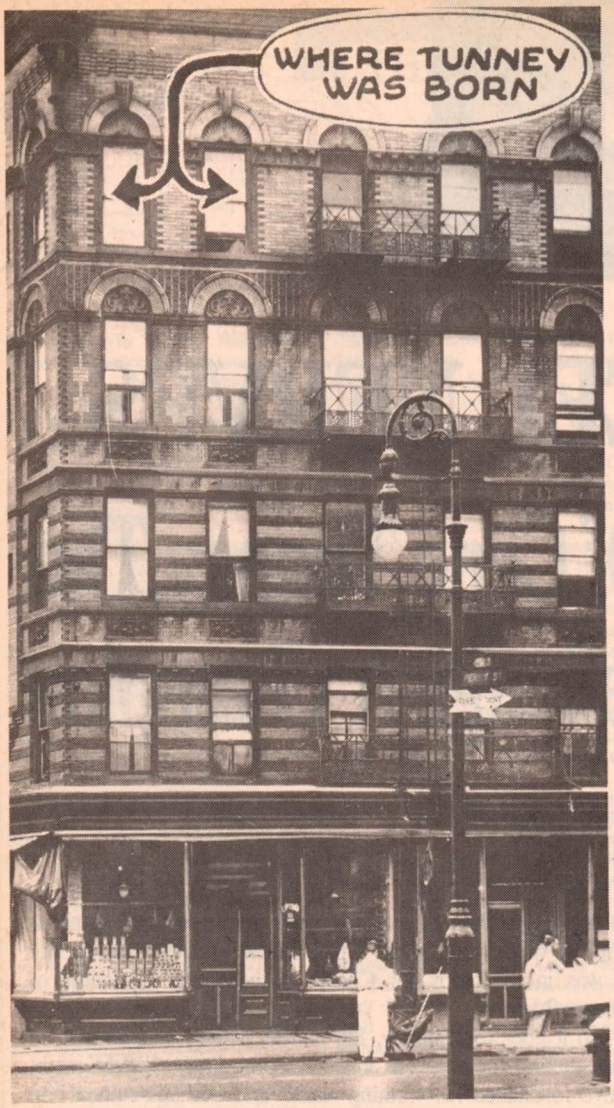
Only men as typified in the steel-nerved bodies of Lindbergh and Tunney take such chances!

Is it any wonder that they are successful?

While Lindbergh is still receiving the acclaim of America for his marvelous feat, Tunney is reaping the reward that came his way after his decisive victory over Dempsey. In



Future heavyweight champion Tunney thanks pilot Casey Jones after arrival at Muston Field in Philadelphia for the first Dempsey fight (above). Tunney as a light heavyweight (left).



other words, the gallant ex-Marine staked his all against the Manassa Mauler in a Chicago ring with a million dollars (count 'em and weep) dangling before his eyes—win, lose, or draw.

Lindbergh, in due time, will join the march of young millionaires.

Tunney is bigger and stronger for the return duel. His nerve again will stand him in good stead against the onslaughts of the rejuvenated Dempsey.

Over a stretch of 12 months, Tunney has made more friends than he ever had before in his life. They are not of the "hail and hearty, etc.," type. They're real pals. He'd go the route for a friend. He has dug deep down in his jeans time and again to help a pal in need. The public apparently misunderstands him, but not so his legion of true friends.

You would have to sit in for a few hours with Gene's bosom friend Bill McCabe to learn some of the champ's fine traits. Bill knows him like no one else, and that goes for his mother, sisters, and brother.

The debonair McCabe told Tunney while he was helping to break the Hindenburg line that the day was not far distant when he would be the heavyweight champion of the world. The shrewd McCabe saw Gene in one or two impromptu scraps Over There and became convinced right then and there that the brawny youth had it in him to jump in the shoes made vacant by his former idol, John L. Sullivan.

Tunney never forgot McCabe for his loyalty, added to which was the fatherly advice Bill gave him. Today they are inseparable. Gene will not sign a paper unless "old man" McCabe gives it the careful once-over. Tunney will not make a move until McCabe blurts out "okay." Gene worships the ground McCabe walks on. It will break Bill's heart if his big boy's laurels are taken away from him.

The man who paved the way for the momentous meeting between promoter Tex Rickard and Tunney, when a verbal agreement was entered into months before Gene and Dempsey squared off in the Philadelphia arena, was McCabe. The man who was one of Gene's chief seconds and who will be in his corner again was the energetic but kindly McCabe. Gene wouldn't put up his hands unless he had his "young" pal around. Bill and Gene make a wonderful combination, and both are proud of each other.

During rest periods Over There, McCabe used to tell Gene how he saw the never-to-be-forgotten Sullivan massacre his opponents; the great shock he received when the young, cool, calculating Jim Corbett laid low his hero. He drove home the assertion that he would never live to see

Tunney was born in this tenement in New York City's Greenwich Village (left). After his retirement, the wealthy former champion bought a well-kept and expansive estate in Greenwich, Connecticut (above).

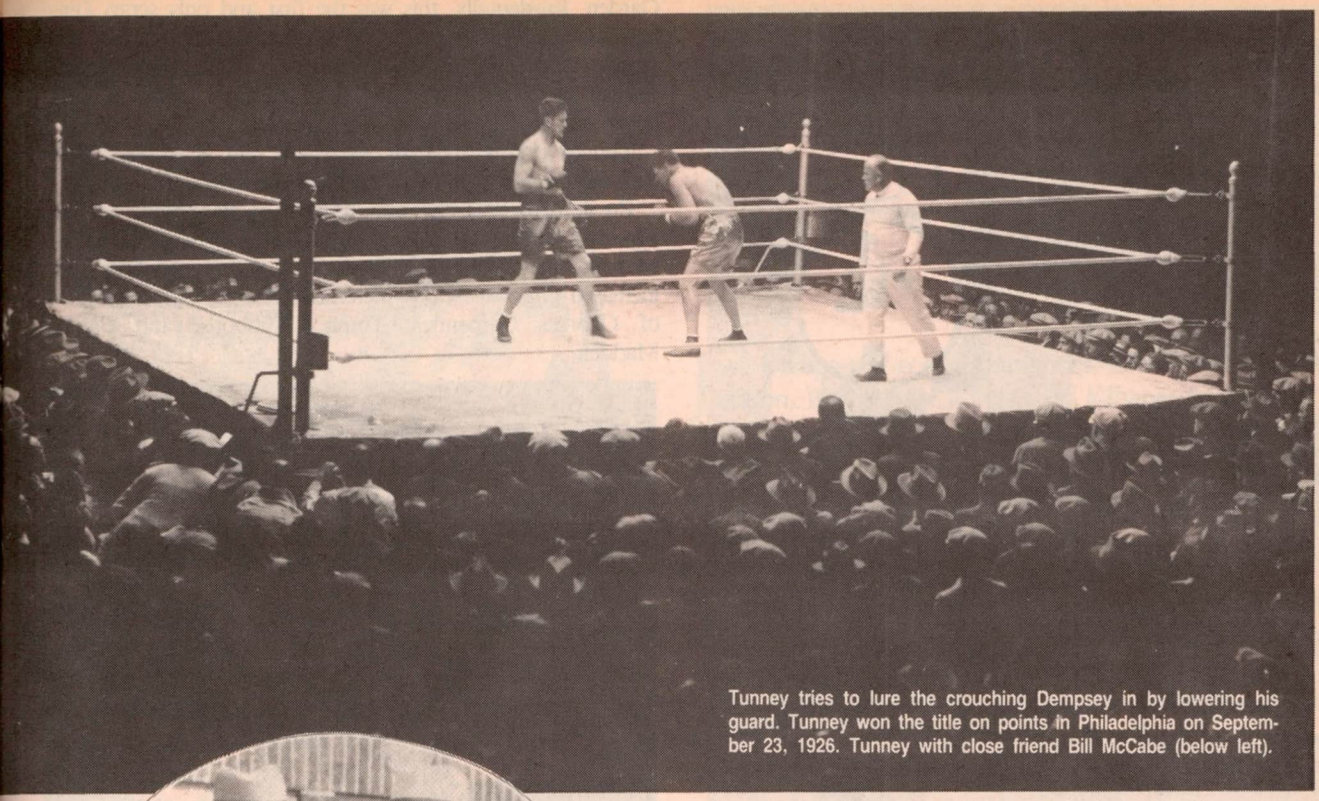
another happy day if he didn't realize his fond ambition of seeing Tunney crowned monarch of the heavyweight division.

Many years have passed since little old Manhattan has had one of its own native boys as the ruler of a division made famous by such illustrious predecessors as Sullivan, Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Jess Willard, and Dempsey. Father Knickerbocker is mighty proud of the 29-year-old lad who was the cynosure of 160,000 eyes when he stepped into the ring at Soldier's Field in the Windy City.

New York State has produced many world and American boxing titleholders, but not since the days of Tom Hyer, who reigned supreme in the early-'40s as American heavyweight champion through his defeats of "Country" McCluskey and Yankee Sullivan, has the Empire State brought forth another heavyweight crown bearer.

Other than Hyer and Tunney, only one heavyweight of note, Johnny Dwyer of Brooklyn, claimant of the crown in 1879, was born and reared in what is now New York. Other topnotchers were raised elsewhere, though they fought most of their battles in Greater New York and upstate.

(Of the other champions, Joe Goss was born in England; John L. Sullivan in Boston; Corbett in San Francisco; Fitzsimmons in Cornwall, England; Jeffries in Carroll, Ohio; Johnson in Galveston, Texas; Willard in Kansas; and Dempsey in Colorado.)



Tunney tries to lure the crouching Dempsey in by lowering his guard. Tunney won the title on points in Philadelphia on September 23, 1926. Tunney with close friend Bill McCabe (below left).

Tunney was born at Number 111 Bank Street, in the Greenwich Village section. Hyer, the first recognized American heavyweight king, saw the light of day in the lower West Side of New York, and not far from the Battery.

Gene celebrated his 29th birthday on May 25, 1927. He was christened James Joseph Tunney. One of his sisters nicknamed him Gene.

Tunney received a parochial school education. He was only 14 years old when he graduated from St. Veronica's, on Barrow and Washington Streets, with high honors. His parents sent him to LaSalle Academy.

From the time he first attended grammar school until he joined the Marines in 1918, he sallied forth to conquer the world with his fists. Tunney was athletically inclined. While at St. Veronica's School he played baseball and basketball, and when he attended LaSalle Academy, he was on the varsity basketball team and later became a marathon runner.

His first job was that of a stenographer for the Ocean Steamship Company, which paid him the munificent salary of $12 a week. It is not divulging any secret to state that Gene's ambition in early life was either to become a lawyer or a priest. One of his three sisters is a nun. She is in a St. Louis convent. She keeps a picture of her fighting brother on her desk. "I pray for Gene every time he boxes," she says.

Another of the champion's sisters is employed in the Board of Education. He has a brother on the police force.

Before he enlisted with the Devil Dogs, Gene had five fights under the management of Billy Jacobs. In his first scrap at the Fairmont Club, Billy Gibson, who is now Tunney's manager, told Jacobs he wouldn't walk 25 feet "to see that bum." Tunney celebrated his debut in the modern art by knocking out his opponent in two rounds.

At the outbreak of the War, Gene enlisted in the Marines. After the Armistice, he won the A.E.F. light heavyweight championship by defeating Ted Jamieson in the final. Gene weighed only 166 pounds.

Six months after Tunney was mustered out of the service, Billy Roche, the famous referee of another era, took the young man in hand. The late Sammy Kelly, a great featherweight during the Horton Law days, turned Gene over to Roche's tender care. His first fight after the War was with Dan O'Dowd in Jersey City. Tunney received $100 for eight no-decision rounds. In knocking out K.O. Sullivan in two heats in a Newark ring, Gene broke his right hand, which compelled him to lay off for seven months. Upon his return, he knocked out Ole Anderson and Ray Smith.

Gene startled the world when he won the American light heavyweight title from Battling Levinsky in 1922. Four months later, Harry Greb relieved him of the championship in a rough-and-tumble fight in the old Madison Square

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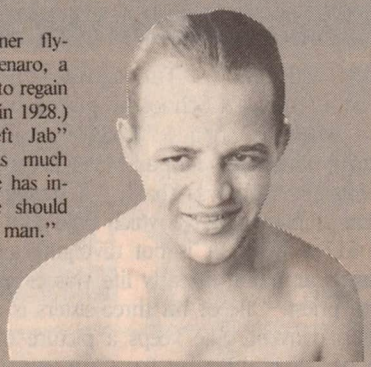
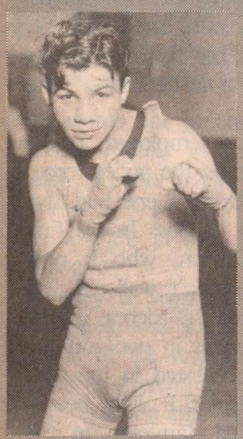
THE RING, October 1927

The Cover: A celebration of heavyweight champion Gene Tunney, who, on September 23, 1926, had dethroned the legendary Jack Dempsey. The cover story, a profile of Tunney, is part of an issue that previewed the Tunney-Dempsey rematch, fought in Chicago on September 22, 1927.

Dempsey's Riches: Grover Theis chronicles the rags-to-riches ascent of former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, who earned the incredible sum of $1-million in 1926. For his first pro fight, Dempsey earned $25. For his unsuccessful defense against Gene Tunney, he made $750,000. Dempsey is pictured with an unidentified friend while doing roadwork before his 1927 bout vs. Jack Sharkey.

New York Notes: Former flyweight champion Frankie Genaro, a native New Yorker, is trying to regain the crown. (He would do so in 1928.) Of Genaro, columnist "Left Jab" writes, "If Frankie had as much brains outside the ring as he has inside the hempen ropes, he should have been a wealthy young man."





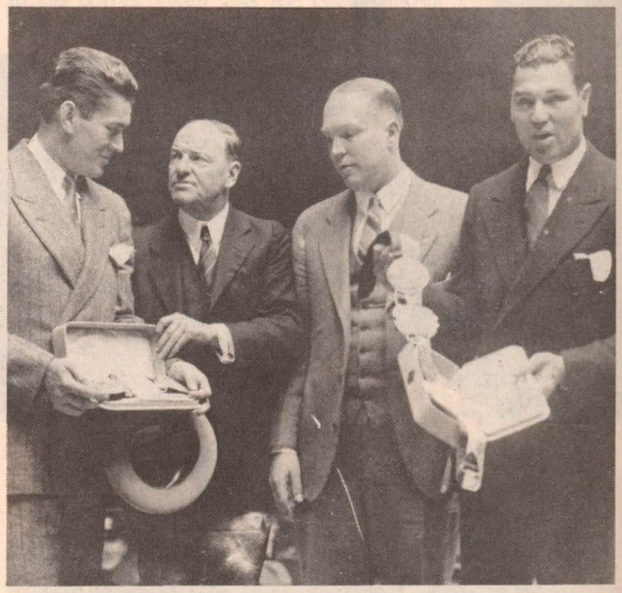
Nat Fleischer Says: *The Ring's* President and Editor reports that 18-year-old Tony Canzoneri (pictured) has abandoned the bantamweight class and will campaign as a featherweight. Canzoneri's move turned out to be a wise one. He went on to win world titles at featherweight, lightweight, and junior welterweight.

Failed Opportunities: In a two-page photo feature, *The Ring* looks at fighters who failed in their bids to capture world titles. Among the contenders: Billy Miske (pictured), who lost to Jack Dempsey, Charley Mitchell, who was kayoed by Jim Corbett, and Jim Flynn, stopped by Jack Johnson.

Garden. Incidentally, this was the first and only scrap Tunney has ever lost. In a return battle, Tunney regained his crown. They clashed thrice more. Greb used to say that Tunney gave him his hardest lickings. Greb had a nice bet down on Tunney in the first fight with Dempsey.

Tunney claims the man who gave him his hardest fight was Bill Roberts, of Staten Island.

Previous to 1924, Tunney, because of his weight, was not regarded as a potential king of the heavyweights. After that, he built himself up to 190 pounds and more, and with his increased poundage came increased prestige, with knockouts of Georges Carpentier, Tommy Gibbons, and Bartley Madden.



Tunney and Dempsey receive title belts at Madison Square Garden. Announcer Joe Humphries and writer Wilbur Wood make the presentations.

His kayo of Carpentier established him among the heavyweight elect. A year later, on June 5, he stopped Gibbons, the man who had never before been knocked down or out, and the man who had stayed 15 heats with Dempsey. Tunney was a marked man then, and he burnished his record by flattening Madden, another of those hardy perennials who never before had been wafted into dreamland and a fighter who had gone the route with Harry Wills.

In two fights before he fought Dempsey last year, Gene whipped Johnny Risko and Dan O'Dowd.

All told, Gene has been fighting eight years. He has no marks, such as cauliflower ears, dented nose, puffed lips, or lumps over his eyes, to show. He is a handsome young man and owns an even row of teeth, the envy of some of the male movie stars. He has engaged in 61 contests, scoring 30 knockouts and 14 decisions.

Tunney is a golfer of no mean ability. He believes the ancient Scotch game is a splendid conditioner, and while in training takes his round daily. He doesn't smoke, drink, or chew tobacco. He loves to read the classics.

Speaking of the downfall of many boxers who had bright futures, Tunney said a few weeks ago, "You can't be a good fighter and train on wine, women, and song. You can't go cabareting daily and climb to the top. One must have plenty of sleep, without which the system cannot function properly. Boxing requires all the stamina, courage, and resourcefulness one possesses, and night life removes all this. Condition should be the only master a boxer should have, and if he keeps up to the mark as I have, a championship may be his reward." ■

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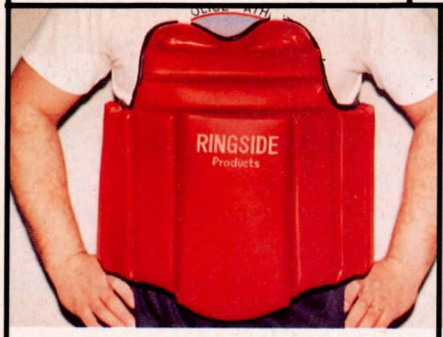

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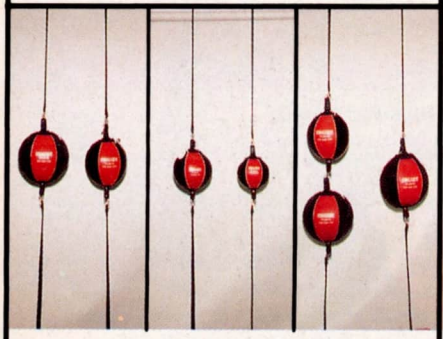

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